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Nativity comes to life on Bethel Common



Shepherds, wise men, angels and animals made their way to the Bethel common Sunday evening for the annual Living Nativity. Playing the roles of baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph this year were Sophia, Renee and Grayson Wakefield. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Gould faculty couple enjoying Feliz Navidad

People gathered on the Bethel common Sunday evening for the traditional Living Nativity, a popular local depiction brought to life by real people and animals.

But in Zaragoza, Spain, Gould Academy teachers Doug and Andee Alford and their family are taking in the manger scene many times over.

The Alford family are spending the school year in Zaragoza teaching American students in a year-abroad program.

During Christmas season in Spain, Doug Alford said from Zaragoza, the Nativity theme appears at every turn.

Doug has been blogging and e-mailing about the family's experiences, including his observations about how Spain celebrates holidays.

This Christmas season, he said, the Nativity theme is at every turn.

"There are scenes of Bethlehem, not just the nativity

scenes, but also the full town, including Roman guards, shepherds, hills, and in the distance three kings moving toward the stable.

"The Bethlehem scenes are everywhere in store windows, and the biggest is the plaza of the city's basilica. It's almost life-size, with a water-pow-

ered mill in a little river running through the middle of it.

In addition to the Bethlehem scenes, wrote Alford, "there are Santa Claus and typical American Christmas decorations everywhere, including snowflakes (funny for a city that has a real snowfall probably once every seven or eight years), trees, etc."

"Christmas in Spain is a funny thing," said Alford. "It's like they can't decide which tradition to follow."

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Voters to decide who will be policing Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen have scheduled a special Town Meeting for Feb. 9, at which voters will decide if they wish to disband the Bethel Police Department and contract with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department.

A public hearing on the issue will take place Jan. 11 at the regular selectmen's meeting, 7 p.m. in the Town Office.

The board has been discussing its options for police protection since the departure this fall of Chief Alan Carr.

Two other full-time officers are also leaving this month, reducing the full-time staff to one.

Last month the town requested and received a proposal for police protection

from the OCSO at an annual cost of \$295,000 (for the first three years).

The proposal calls for three county officers dedicated to patrolling only Bethel, over the course of a 24-hour period.

The current annual BPD budget is \$313,000 for 24/7 patrols.

A distinction is made between police patrols and coverage.

Under the county plan, there would be a few hours of the day (during the quietest time) when a county deputy assigned to the general region would be available for coverage in Bethel. But there would be no officer actually patrolling here.

The BPD provides 24-hour

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Special Town Meeting set for Feb. 9.

Planners urge ordinance covering wind turbines

By MICHAEL DANIELS

With proposals for clusters of wind turbines (or wind "farms") springing up with increased rapidity across the state, including one for 11 towers on Spruce Mountain in Woodstock, Al Cressy, chairman of the Bethel Planning Board told his fellow planners last week: "I think the town is hanging out on a limb, with no ordinance regulating wind turbines."

"If someone came to us with a proposal for a turbine farm, or even a personal turbine, we'd have nothing to go on, absolutely nothing," he said.

In fact, the only statutory au-

thority the board would have over wind turbines would be Site Plan Review, which limits commercial structures to 2-1/2 stories, or 35 feet in height.

As a first step toward remedying that lack of oversight, Cressy asked the board to approve a letter he had drafted to the town Board of Selectmen, recommending that a wind turbine ordinance be drafted and presented to voters at next year's annual Town Meeting in June.

Rumford already has such an ordinance in place, he told

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River conference will envision what future holds for the watershed

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Anyone interested in our local river and the communities along its banks is invited to the annual conference of the Androscoggin River Watershed Council (ARWC), which will be held Thursday, Jan. 7 at the Bethel Inn Conference Center.

"We strongly encourage the general public to come and learn more about the river, and to share their own ideas," said Ferg Lea, of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, one of the sponsoring organizations.

Such conferences have year-

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W'stock plans forums to ID key conservation lands

By ALISON ALOISIO

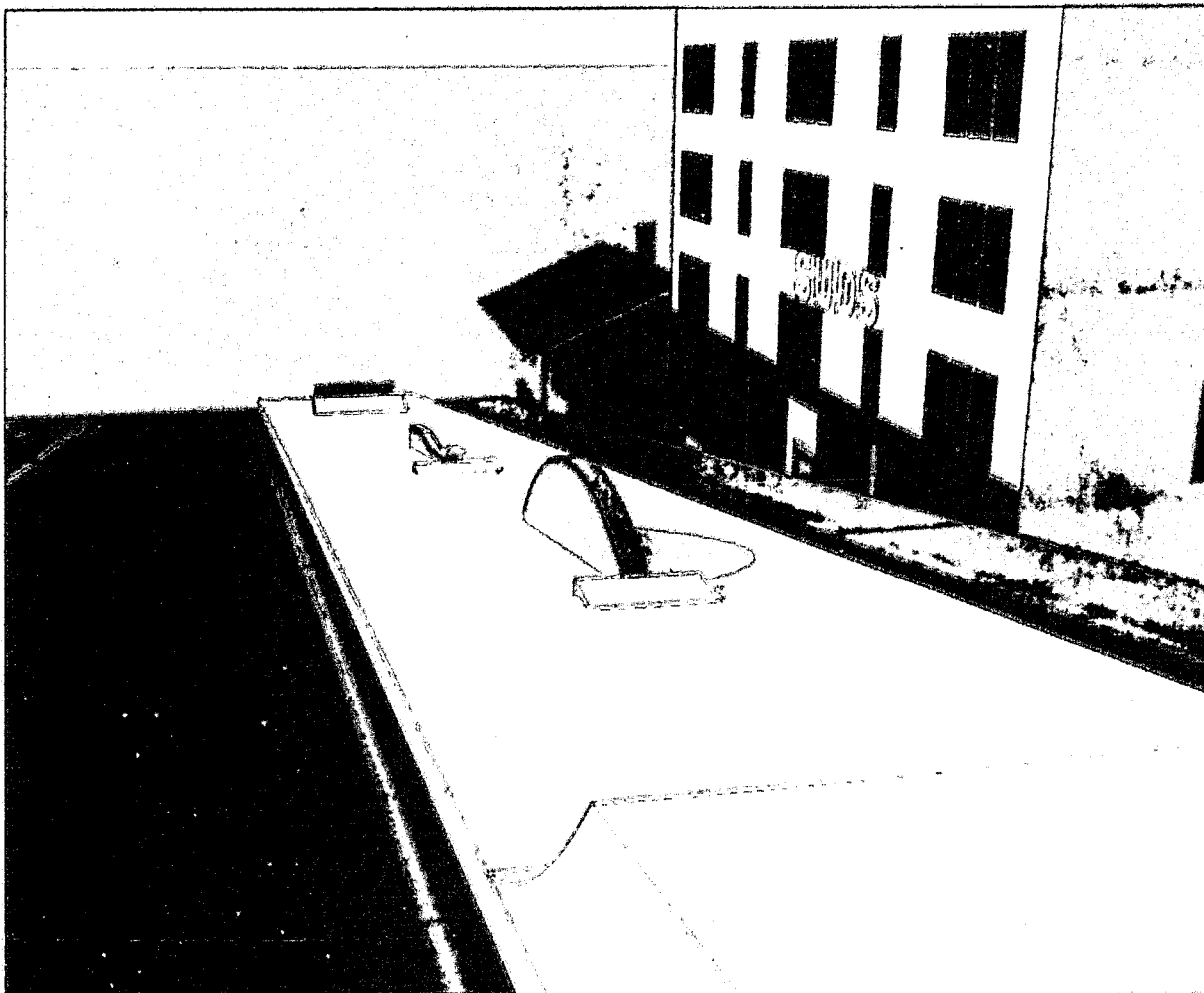
The Woodstock Conservation Commission will host two forums, on Jan. 11 and Feb. 8, to identify natural resource areas in the town that residents wish to see protected.

The forums are part of the WCC's effort to develop an Open Space Plan to protect the resources, in keeping with priorities incorporated in the town's Comprehensive Plan.

The Open Space Plan will eventually be reviewed and voted upon by residents at a public meeting.

Such plans provide a blue print for the most important

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ONE VISION OF A RAILJAM DOWN MAIN ST.

This computer-generated abstract of a proposed Railjam course for lower Main Street in Bethel was created by Cassidy White, manager of Sunday River Ski Resort's terrain park. The Jan. 28 evening event, part of the Bethel WinterFest, would bring together skiers and snowboarders to compete for several hours on the downhill-bound side of the street. The elements would be loaned by Sunday River, according to Nate Clukey, one of the organizers.

Celebrate the Holidays at the Inn

Christmas Eve:

Special ala carte menu with 7 entrees including:
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Letters

'THE REASON FOR THE SEASON'

To the Editor:

They say you don't miss what you never had, but it seems to me that one would find Christmas without Christ in it rather empty. I know I miss the constant barrage of Christmas carols and the "Merry Christmas" greetings. For me "Happy Holidays" just does not cut it. When I was growing up I was lucky if I got a doll, a book, paper dolls, some soap, and a handkerchief. Most years I also got a new dress from my paternal grandmother. I actually looked forward to the handkerchief which came as regular as clockwork from an elderly lady my parents lived over when I was a baby. How many youngsters would look forward to a handkerchief these days?

My most favorite times at Christmas were the Christmas Eve services. Of course almost everyone walked to the church. Not many people had cars during those war years. It seemed as if people sort of erupted from houses as one walked past. The adults had a covered dish in their hands for the potluck supper and everyone sort of drifted together as we reached the church. After the supper we had our Sunday school program. It seemed as if we had been reciting our "piece" forever and it was a relief to get it over with. We usually got a pencil from our teacher, maybe a "book" of Life Savers from the person who drew our name, and a bag of popcorn with several pieces of Christmas candy in it.

Yeah, I miss the Christmases that had Christ in them. The Bible says that "we should not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." (Romans 1:16). It seems as if each year we get a little bit more ashamed of keeping Christ in Christmas. So this year I thought I would get a bit bold and wish everyone of you a "Merry Christmas," for, after all, "He is the reason for the season."

Lorraine Larson
Locke Mills

24-7 WORKOUT

To the Editor:

As many might have heard, Workout 24-7 is re-opening its doors on Wednesday, Dec. 30. Though we are using the original paradigm of 24-hour access and un-manned layout, we are under new ownership and management, and have changed a few things to better the workout experience.

For starters, we have upgraded to Life Fitness cardio equipment. Sturdy and durable, this line of commercial fitness equipment is wonderful and will certainly be appreciated by those acclimated to quality equipment, and also to those who have never had the opportunity. Second, panic buttons will be located throughout the center, including a pendant to be worn by solitary heavy lifters. These are simple buttons, that with a single press, alert 9-1-1 that there is a problem at our location.

Gender-separate locker rooms, a clean, organized environment, and many free weights and stations await. We are located at 32 Parkway in Bethel, just a stone's throw from the Mt. Explorer stop, and look forward to being a place where our citizens — and those from away — can experience a quality workout whenever it deems convenient for them.

To find out more information, including rates and how to purchase memberships, you can call the gym at 824-IRON (4766), me at 740-7320, or e-mail workout-24-7@live.com. You can also find us on Facebook, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce website, and soon our own website www.workout-24-7.com where memberships will be sold online. We look forward to serving you!

Loretta Holt
Manager, Workout 24-7

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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OUTING CLUB SWIM AND SUPPER

To the Editor:

The Bethel Outing Club will host an all-ages swim and potluck supper at the Bethel Inn Recreation Center on Sunday, Jan. 3, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Swimming will be from 4:30 to 5:30 and the potluck will be at 5:30.

The Bethel Outing Club board will hold a board meeting during the swim, and a group will also meet Brad Clarke at the Nordic Ski Center at 3 p.m. for a group ski as a first unofficial Bill Koch Youth Ski League practice of the season.

For anyone interested in youth cross-country skiing there will be time set aside during the supper to talk about and finalize the schedule for weekend sessions and events for kids, which are typically held on Sunday afternoons at local ski touring centers as part of the club's Bill Koch Youth Ski League.

The club seeks to provide programming and events to encourage Nordic experiences for children of all ages.

Anyone is welcome to attend, even if not a BOC member at the present time. Please RSVP to Beth Clarke at clark@sad44.org. Information on the club can be found at www.bethelouting.org, and persons wishing to be notified of club events should request same to the secretary at kirk@megalink.net.

Kirk Siegel
Secretary, Bethel Outing Club

Navidad

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"The traditional Spanish Christmas involves gift-giving, like ours, but the gifts are given on the sixth of January, which is Epiphany, the celebration of the presentation of gifts by the three kings to the baby Jesus. People often ask Spanish children what "los reyes" (the kings) are bringing them this year.

"So you see signs of both traditions here; Santa proudly stands next to the three kings in front of a snowflake-covered building displaying a scene of Bethlehem in the window."

"The BIG meal of the year in Spain (like our Thanksgiving) is Christmas Eve, and families gather together to feast like we do in November.

"The other is the Christmas

lottery. It's the biggest of the year, and maybe one of the biggest in the world. Each ticket costs 200 Euros (about \$300), but people and even businesses (my health club does it for members) buy a ticket and divide it into tenths.

"The numbers are announced over a several hour period on the 22nd, and the whole country tunes in to see who wins."

The Alfords plan a traditional American Christmas observance.

"For our part, my mother traveled from Bethel to be with us this Christmas, and we plan to celebrate as we usually do: with presents on Christmas day, a decorated tree (our first artificial one), poinsettias all over the house,

and a big meal on Christmas day. We'll be skipping the lottery this year."

Other holidays

Alford also writes accounts of his experiences on Thanksgiving and Halloween.

The Spanish are not familiar with Thanksgiving, and while they recognize Halloween, they do not observe it in any significant way.

In those contexts, Alford provides a humorous look at his effort to help a Spanish cook prepare Thanksgiving dinner for his students, and at his walk through the streets of Zaragoza on Halloween dressed in a vampire costume.

To read Alford's blog, see <http://oneyearinspain.blogspot.com>.

Forums

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places to conserve, and the areas where development will have the least impact on important natural resources, according to an outline of the plan process provided by Marcel Polak, who is both a member of the WCC and a volunteer consultant for the project.

The process also provides predictability for developers, he said.

The plan effort includes inventorying, analyzing and prioritizing the town's natural resources.

These include: rare plant and animal sites (rare, endangered or threatened species,

unique natural community sites, deer wintering yards, waterfowl and wading bird habitat); riparian lands (wetlands, streams and ponds); large unfragmented blocks of forest; productive agricultural and forestry lands; scenic areas; important recreational land (hunting, fishing snowmobiling, hiking).

The commission has also been compiling maps from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife depicting some of these types of land areas.

But, said Polak, "Input is really critical. We're depending on the public for telling us

what's important to them."

Most of the land that would likely be considered for protection is private, Polak said.

"Our goal is to create voluntary programs," he said.

He said the only land publicly owned by the town is the five-acre Grover Marsh on North Pond.

There is also a little-known state park, Little Concord Pond State Park, which is comprised of 600-700 acres surrounding that pond, as well as Bald Mountain, Polak said.

The WCC forums will take place at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Town Office.

Former Greenwood firefighter indicted

By M. DIRK LANGEVELD,
Sun Media Wire

A former volunteer firefighter for the Greenwood Fire Department has been indicted on two charges of arson in connection with a blaze that destroyed two buildings last month.

An Oxford County grand jury brought the charges against Jeffrey A. Tyler, 28, of Paris Road in Bethel.

Tyler is accused of setting a blaze early on Nov. 17 that spread to engulf two vacant homes on Main Street.

Tyler was suspected of being involved after he arrived at the fire station at the same time as a firefighter who lives 1/10th of a mile from the station, despite his home being 1.2 miles from the site.

According to an affidavit by Daniel L. Young of the State Fire Marshal's Office, Tyler initially said he drove to the station from his home, but later admitted to being at the

house at 238 Main St. owned by Bruce Connor of Chelmsford, Mass.

Tyler told investigators that he was upset because his wife and 2-year-old daughter had gone to visit family in Florida and he had been informed two days before that they would not be returning to Maine. Tyler said he went for a walk near the house and ignited three dry leaves with his lighter and let them fall to the ground.

He said the action was symbolic to represent him, his wife and his daughter and "the two that landed together or nearest his daughter's leaf would be where his daughter should be."

Tyler told Young that the three leaves ignited others on the ground, and a 6- to 8-foot section of leaves under a barn attached to the house was burning when he left. He said he drove home without reporting the fire, but later

drove back along Route 26 and went to the station after hearing the fire call on his pager.

Radiant heat and wind-blown embers from the fire at 238 Main St. ignited and destroyed the neighboring house at 236 Main St., which was owned by C. Mellen Kimball of Greenwood. The fire was reported by a night watchman at the Saunders Brothers mill at about 3:15 a.m., and damage to the two houses, attached barns, and contents totaled approximately \$500,000.

Tyler had been serving on the Greenwood Fire Department for about two months before the blaze. He said he did not set the fire so he could respond to it, and also denied being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, according to the affidavit.

An arson conviction is punishable by up to 30 years in prison.

Brain cancer warnings on cell phones?

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Maine legislator wants to make the state the first to require cell phones to carry warnings that they can cause brain cancer, although there is no consensus among scientists that they do and industry leaders dispute the claim.

The now-ubiquitous devices carry such warnings in some countries, though no U.S. states require them, according to the National Conference of State Legislators. A similar effort is afoot in San Francisco, where Mayor Gavin Newsom wants his city to be the nation's first to require the warnings.

Maine Rep. Andrea Boland, D-Sanford, said numerous studies point to the cancer risk, and she has persuaded

legislative leaders to allow her proposal to come up for discussion during the 2010 session that begins in January, a session usually reserved for emergency and governors' bills.

Boland herself uses a cell phone, but with a speaker to keep the phone away from her head. She also leaves the phone off unless she's expecting a call. At issue is radiation emitted by all cell phones.

Under Boland's bill, manufacturers would have to put labels on phones and packaging warning of the potential for brain cancer associated with electromagnetic radiation. The warnings would recommend that users, especially children and pregnant women, keep the devices away from their head and body.

The Federal Communications Commission, which maintains that all cell phones sold in the U.S. are safe, has set a standard for the "specific absorption rate" of radiofrequency energy, but it doesn't require handset makers to divulge radiation levels.

The San Francisco proposal would require the display of the absorption rate level next to each phone in print at least as big as the price. Boland's bill is not specific about absorption rate levels, but would require a permanent, nonremovable advisory of risk in black type, except for the word "warning," which would be large and in red letters. It would also include a color graphic of a child's brain next to the warning.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson
10 years ago: The Bethel Library held an open house in honor of Edna York's 90th birthday.

The artwork of Don and Maya Best was on display at the G.R.A.M.I. administrative office in Rumford.

Christmas Eve services were held at several Bethel area churches.

Deaths: Edward W. Gordon, Tobin M. Heath.

20 years ago: Telstar sophomore Solai Buchanan was winner of a drawing for an eight-day educational program at the NASA space camp, which was donated to the school by Sandra Dennis who won the trip in a sweepstakes.

Habitat for Humanity's first house in the Androscoggin Valley area, for the Gilbert family in South Woodstock was nearly complete.

A public open house was held at Western Maine's newest four-season resort, The Chamberlin Resort in Hallowell.

30 years ago: About 20 people enjoyed a lecture on Winslow Homer presented by Prof. Richard Hathaway at a meeting of the Woodstock Historical Society.

Students from Ethel Bisbee School went Christmas caroling on the Bethel Common.

The Greenwood Fire Department responded to a chimney fire at the home of John Hicks on the East Bethel Road.

40 years ago: About six inches of snow fell on the Bethel area Dec. 19, followed by another foot or so on the 22nd, making skiers and snowmobilers very happy.

Miss Nancy Mae Chapin, a sophomore nursing student at UMO, was named the recipient of the Elise Hatch Memorial Scholarship for the 1969-70 school year.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship gave a Christmas party for Bethel Head Start children and their brothers and sisters.

Deaths: Leppien W. Morse, Harlan M. Stevens, Mrs. Edna Newton, Wade H. Thurston.

50 years ago: The 2000-gallon tank of the West Bethel water system was installed at the pump house near the school house Dec. 21.

The Thunderbird Motel, Inn, Bethel, was admitted to membership in the non-profit motel association Quality Courts United, Inc.

Gould Academy graduate Lt. (jg) Arthur E. Chayer was a member of the commissioning crew of the Navy's first guided-missile destroyer-leader USS Dewey when she officially joined the fleet.

Births: Edward Ansel Evans, Jr., Geoffrey Van Inman, Bruce George Connell.

Deaths: Donald F. Brown, Mrs. Hattie M. Harris.

60 years ago: Mrs. Isaac W. Dyer II was elected president of the Bethel Players.

Telephone service was extended to include Bloody Street (the East Bethel-Locke Mills road).

Stanley Brown suffered an injured shoulder when part of a truckload of boards fell on him.

Deaths: Charles L. Davis, Mrs. Dalphon Brooks.

70 years ago: Walter Blake suffered a broken leg while twirling logs for L. E. Davis at Rapid River.

Mrs. Antoinette Nadeau took over operation of the Simeard filling station at Gilead.

Deaths: Fern E. Elwood, Henry Cooley, Mrs. Cora S. Seavey.

90 years ago: Temperatures as low as 30 degrees below zero were reported.

A public library was started at West Bethel through the efforts of the teacher, Miss Marion Frost.

Deaths: Irving Harriman, Mrs. Carrie Gerrish Brown, Mrs. Lydia R. Stevens, Sarah L. Halburn, Marcus W. Chandler.

100 years ago: Alder River Grange 145 in East Bethel conferred the 3rd and 4th degrees, held a harvest march and elected officers for 1910 at their recent meeting.

110 years ago: The Oxford Paper Company was organized at a meeting at the Falmouth Hotel, Portland. A mill with a daily capacity of 50 tons of book paper was to be built at Rumford.

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Briefly

Tri-Town situation still uncertain

GREENWOOD—Town Manager Kim Sparks said Tuesday that it has not yet been determined if Med-Care will cover Greenwood and/or West Paris in the event Tri-Town Rescue Service proves unable. The Tri-Town Board of Directors is expected to meet over the weekend to determine if the service will attempt to continue to function, and if so for how long, Sparks said. The board has asked to have a meeting on January 6 with the selectmen and town managers of the three towns it covers (which includes Sumner).

Otten in Bethel next week

BETHEL—On Tuesday, December 29, gubernatorial candidate Les Otten will be at the Bethel Inn Conference Center from 6 to 8 p.m., speaking and taking questions about the campaign and his priorities for Maine. The public is invited. Please RSVP to info@lesotten.com. Appetizers will be served, and there will be a cash bar.

AIM program needs votes

OAKLAND, Calif.—The AIM program of Greenwood has been named as one of 50 finalists for a Power A Bright Future grant, offered by the makers of Clorox® Clean-Up®. In late January, the company will award five grants of \$10,000 each to the winning kids programs. Nearly 5,000 submissions were received from across the nation during the contest's 30-day call for entries phase, which ended on Nov. 29. AIM is an innovative after-school program for middle school youth, based on twenty years' experience teaching children in southern Maine. Participants enjoy a safe environment during key after-school hours. Beneficial components include: non-competitive, peaceful martial arts lessons, art classes, natural science projects, homework assistance, healthy snacks, educational field trips and summer activities. With additional funding, AIM would purchase materials for activities, hire additional staff, and finance field trips. From now until Jan. 17, the public can vote online (<http://apps.facebook.com/brightfuture/>) for their favorite program. Clorox will award the five organizations that receive the most votes \$10,000.

No tower in Acadia

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK—A federal agency has scrapped the idea of placing an 80-foot telecommunications tower atop the tallest mountain in Acadia National Park. Cadillac Mountain was one of about 60 sites in Maine that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency was considering for towers to enhance federal homeland security communications. Park officials told the Bangor Daily News that they recently received a letter from the agency saying it had removed Cadillac Mountain from consideration because of opposition from the National Park Service and the local community. Cadillac Mountain is the only peak accessible by public road in the park, which gets more than 2 million visitors a year.

Maine praised for animal protection

PORTLAND—The nation's largest animal protection organization is praising Maine for having one of the year's top state legislative achievements in animal protection. The Humane Society of the U.S. said Maine was one of 12 states it was recognizing for animal protection efforts on the legislative front in 2009. The group cited Maine's new law that prohibits breeding pigs from being confined in gestation crates and calves from being confined in veal crates. The group says the crates are inhumane and immobilize animals for nearly their entire lives. The humane society says 121 new animal protection laws were passed in 2009, breaking the previous record of 93 in 2008.

Maine in "hoop house" project

AUGUSTA—Northern New England states are included in a project that aims to increase the availability of locally grown food in a sustainable manner. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" initiative will look at plastic-covered hoop houses, which are low greenhouse-like structures that allow farmers to extend their growing season. As part of the 3-year project, the USDA is offering financial assistance to farmers so they can erect some hoop houses on their properties. The agency hopes to verify the effectiveness of hoop houses in reducing pesticide use, keeping nutrients in the soil, extending the growing season and increasing a farm's yield. The study includes 38 states, including Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.



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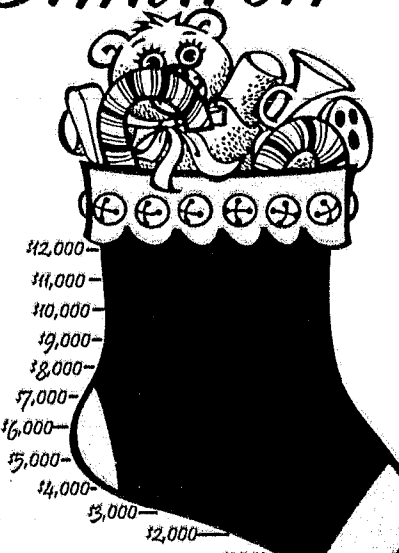
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Christmas For Children

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has raised
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purchase toys
for needy
boys & girls in
our community.

Thank You to all
that contributed.



**Bethel Rotary Club
Christmas for Children
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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM SANTA'S RUNWAY ON MERRILL HILL



Visions of sugarplums may have been dancing in your head but now is the time to contemplate Morganite, Tourmaline, Beryl, Amethyst, Topaz and Aquamarine. The latest streets which are sculpted into the slopes of Merrill Hill with underground utilities. Seeing Santa off is just one of the perks each one of a kind trophy property offers on Merrill Hill. We think you deserve to experience the very best Sunday River has to offer. Within this winter wonderland imagine your dream home and a beautiful homesite on

over 460 acres surrounded by mountain vistas, enchanting woodlands and century old logging trails that serve as private and pristine routes for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing while the rest of the family is skiing nearby Jordan Bowl. If you are not feeling athletic call for an appointment to preview this natural paradise located on Monkeybrook Road on the road to Jordan Grand look for the Parkitecture Gatehouse.

Now is the time to become acquainted with Merrill Hill Estates. Vistas are wide and open to the ski slopes and Mahosucs. You will be inspired to start planning the home of your dreams.

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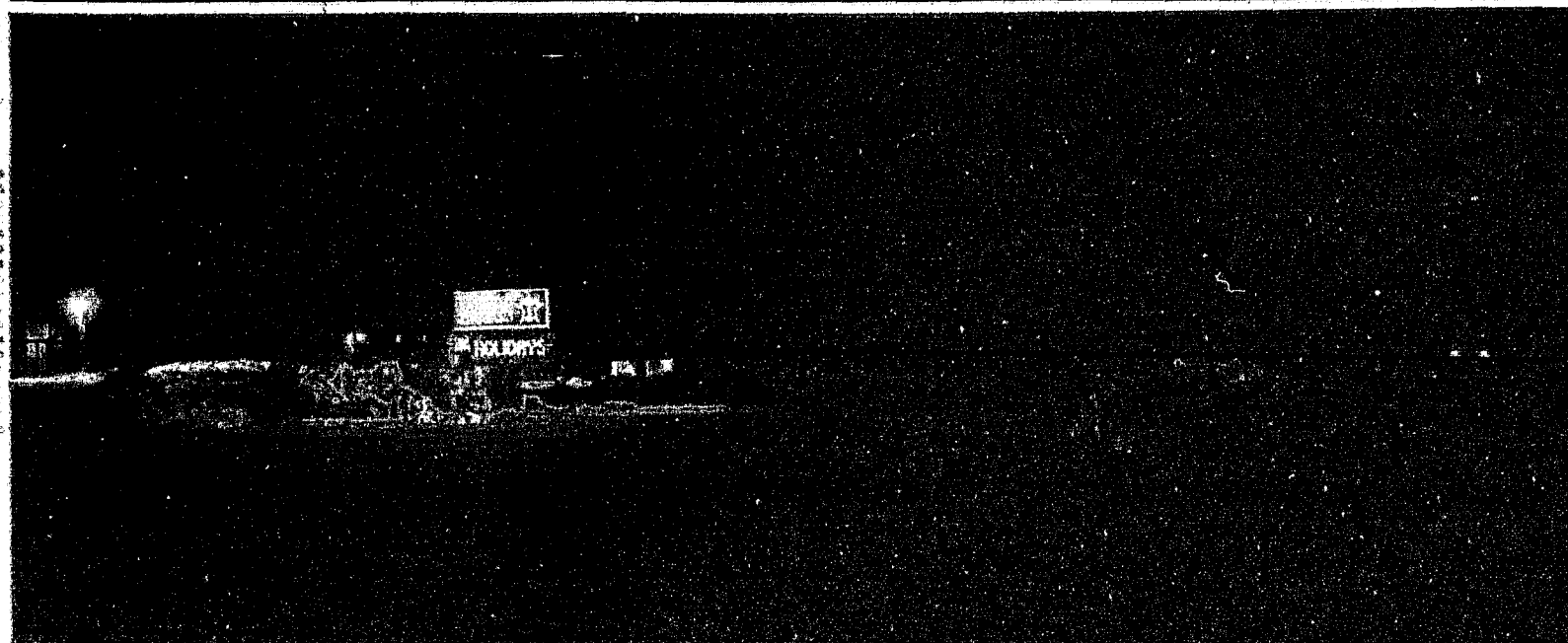
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Turbines

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WIND TURBINES ARE NOT THE ONLY AREA where Bethel planners would like to see town ordinances updated to deal with new technologies. Planning Board Chairman Al Cressy said the town Sign Ordinance — under which the new Telstar sign was approved — needs to be revised to address LED lights such as the bright red lights now flashing across from the Bethel Alliance Church. While internally illuminated signs are not permitted by the current ordinance, there is no mention of LED lights, and when the sign went up, Cressy said, the Town Office began receiving calls from businesses saying "What's going on? We thought signs like this were not allowed." Others have complained about the brightness of the lights. And for himself, Cressy said: "Basically I think [approving] that sign was a major mistake in terms of what we've been trying to do with the signage. It really sticks out like a sore thumb." Planner Jon Cowan, who voted to approve the sign, agreed. Noting that the application called for amber, not red, lights he said: "My sense now is we voted in error. My vote, knowing what I see now, was not a good decision. I thought we could trust them to do the right thing, and they didn't."

(Photo: M. Daniels)

the planners, and the State Planning Office has also drafted a model ordinance that Bethel might look at as a starting point. And to bridge the gap until such an ordinance might be enacted, Cressy's letter to the selectmen also recommends the town enact a 180-day moratorium on wind turbine construction. Following brief discussion the planners approved (4-

1) Cressy's suggestions and agreed to submit the letter to the selectmen. There was some discussion at last week's meeting as to whether or not a new ordinance should apply to personal as well as commercial turbines. On that point, Cressy said, he was personally uncertain. "Maybe it should, maybe it shouldn't," he said. Planner Jon Cowan thought

both should be covered, at least in the initial ordinance. "I think you'd be on safer ground if you covered them all, and didn't try to sort out commercial and residential, for now," Cowan said. The planners ultimately approved (4-1) Cressy's suggestions and agreed to submit the letter to the selectmen. The recommendation to the selectmen are as follows: "1) A Town ordinance be

developed for proposal to the voters of Bethel for approval at the June 2010 Town Meeting. "In conjunction with this recommendation, the Planning Board would like to propose that a Selectboard-appointed ad hoc committee, to include one Planning Board member, be established for the purpose of drafting a proposed ordinance and seeking Town voter input on that or-

finance. "2) A 180-day moratorium be established as soon as possible by the Town of Bethel on the erection of wind turbines for both personal and commercial use. "Such a moratorium would preclude any wind turbines from being erected within Bethel until the Town voters have had a chance to consider a wind turbine ordinance for approval."

At the selectmen's next meeting, Monday, Jan. 4, they are expected to take up the Planning Board's recommendations. Among the questions that the selectmen will likely be discussing is whether or not the proposed 180-day moratorium should go to voters at the special Town Meeting set for Feb. 9. (See police-coverage story, Front Page.)

Police

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patrols in town. **Competitive pay** Citing the problem of officers leaving for better pay in other area departments, the board also recently asked Town Manager Jim Doar to provide figures on the cost to make BPD pay competitive. Doar presented those numbers at Monday's selectmen's meeting. He compared compensation with towns in this region, as well as with other towns of similar size in other parts of Maine. His conclusions: in order to be competitive, the chief's salary would have to be raised from the current \$41,462 to \$48,470; each of two patrol officers' wages would have to be raised from \$30,825 to \$35,266; and the sergeant's pay from \$34,777 to \$35,568. The total impact of the in-

creases would be \$17,922. Doar, who has said he favors contracting with the county, said Monday he believes pay is not the only reason officers leave the BPD. He also contends they leave because there is little opportunity for advancement here. "Some leave for the opportunity for growth," he said. "[Increasing the BPD pay] seems like we're throwing money at a broken system." Selectman Dennis Doyon agreed. "Paying someone extra money isn't going to keep them. I don't want this to be just a dollars-and-cents thing." **Other issues** Doar acknowledged that the 24/7 patrol/coverage issue "could be a sticking point" in considering OCSD protection. But he also noted that the

BPD officer on duty sometimes has to leave town for a time in order to transport prisoners to the county jail. Scott Cole, Bethel's former town manager and now the Oxford County administrator, also attended Monday's meeting. He said that the OCSD has secured space in the U.S. Forest Service building on Route 2 to use as a satellite station. The department will use the office regardless of whether Bethel contracts for dedicated service, he said. Selectman Bob Everett questioned whether an arrangement under the OCSD proposal to pay Bethel \$1 each to purchase its cruisers is realistic budgeting. He said their replacement costs should be figured into the county estimate, and would increase it.

Doar urged the board to act one way or another. "We are losing two of our three full-time officers and will have difficulty filling shifts if we do not either start the hiring process or proceed to contract with the Sheriff's Office for coverage," he said in a memo. The board chose Feb. 9 for the special Town Meeting. The warrant will also request approval for money to fix the roof on the Fire Station, Doar said. **Wage increase OK'd** In another matter related to current efforts to staff the BPD, the board authorized Doar to increase the rate of pay for reserve officers who are academy trained from \$11 an hour to an upper limit of \$13 an hour. One reserve currently meets that qualification, said Doar.

River

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ly, with a couple of exceptions, since 1999, when ARWC was formed. Past meetings have focused on such issues as economic development, water quality, habitat and wildlife. This year's will revisit these topics, but will look ahead to the future. At a visioning session, conference participants will have an opportunity to share their knowledge and thoughts regarding the future of the river valley — "What should the valley look like in 20 years." Participants will also be

asked to suggest ideas for turning their visions into reality. The featured speaker for this year's conference will be Steve Barba, who ran The Balsams Resort in Dixfield for more than 30 years and is currently involved with the Northern Forest Sustainable Economic Initiative. There is a \$35 registration fee for the conference. The fee includes a light breakfast and lunch, and council membership. To register, or for more information, call AVCOG at 788-9186.

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Happening Around Town

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12th Annual New Year's Bethel Celebration

Thursday, December 31, 2009
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An affordable, chem-free festival featuring entertainment within historic Bethel Hill village, presented by the Bethel Historical Society with invaluable assistance from the West Parish Congregational Church. The Bethel Historical Society's 2009 "New Year's Bethel" event will feature a Community Potluck Supper, music by the State Street Traditional Jazz Band, a performance by the Western Mountains Senior Players, marshmallow roasting on the common, a Community Sing-a-Long, a candlelight open house at the Dr. Moses Mason House, and more! The festivities will begin at 5:00 PM and conclude with the traditional bell ringing at the town clock at midnight. For a complete schedule of events and information about ticket prices, please visit the Society's website at www.bethelhistorical.org

Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Sunday River Saturday, January 2, 2010

Illusionist, Dave Garrity provides the perfect blend of comedy, suspense and magic to create a captivating family entertainment experience. Be part of this enchanting night where every illusion is better than the last! Located in the Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at 7pm.

Fusionworks Dance Company Thursday, January 7, 2010

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- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cinnamon
- 3 (12-oz) cans refrigerated biscuits
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup evaporated milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar, packed
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter or margarine

Combine granulated sugar and cinnamon; set aside. Separate biscuits; cut each one into fourths. Coat biscuits with sugar and cinnamon mixture; stack in bottom and around sides of a lightly buttered 12-cup Bundt pan. Bring evaporated milk, brown sugar and butter to a boil in a small saucepan and cook until thickened; pour over biscuits. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes; cool slightly before removing from pan. Serve warm. Serves 12.

Savory Ham-and-Swiss Breakfast Pie

- 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup water
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed
- 2 tbsp butter or margarine
- 1 tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp pepper
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup uncooked quick-cooking grits
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (5 oz) shredded Swiss cheese, divided
- 8 eggs, divided
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb cooked ham, diced
- 4 green onions, chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
- Garnish fresh chives

Bring first 6 ingredients to a boil in a saucepan; gradually whisk in grits. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 5 to 7 minutes, whisking occasionally. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cheese, stirring until cheese melts. Remove from heat; let stand 10 minutes. Lightly beat 2 eggs and stir into grits mixture; pour into a greased 10" deep-dish pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes; remove from oven. Increase temperature to 400 degrees. Sauté ham and onions in a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat 5 minutes or until onion is tender. Layer ham mixture evenly over grits crust. Whisk together milk and remaining 6 eggs; pour over ham mixture. Sprinkle remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cheese evenly over egg mixture. Bake at 400 degrees for 35 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes and cut into wedges. Garnish, if desired. Serves 8

Sunshine in a Glass

- 1 cup frozen orange juice concentrate, partially thawed
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
- 10 to 12 ice cubes
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Place ingredients in an electric blender; blend until smooth. Makes 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups.

Hot Cocoa Cake

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup milk
- 4 tbsp or 1 env instant hot cocoa
- optional: powdered sugar and chopped nuts

Beat shortening, sugar and eggs until mixture is fluffy. Add flour, baking powder and salt alternately with milk, beating well after each addition.

Spoon half of batter into a well-greased 6-cup Bundt pan. Sprinkle envelope of hot cocoa mix evenly over the batter. Top with the rest of the batter and spread evenly in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes and turn out onto serving plate. Delicious served warm as a coffee cake, or let cool and dust with a little powdered sugar. If desired, add chopped nuts of any kind in the layer with the hot cocoa mix. Serves 10 to 12.

Breakfast Casserole

- softened butter or margarine
- 16 slices bread, crusts removed
- 1 lb shaved deli ham
- 4 cups (1 lb) shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 oz grated parmesan cheese
- 2 4.5 oz cans sliced mushrooms, drained
- 4 eggs lightly beaten
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp dry mustard
- 3 cups milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp onion salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup corn flake crumbs

Butter one side of each bread slice. Layer one-third of bread, butter side up, in a greased 13x9 baking dish. Layer a third each of ham, cheeses and mushrooms; repeat layers twice. Stir together eggs, mustard, milk, salt, pepper and onion salt; pour over mixture in dish. Cover and chill overnight in the refrigerator. Let stand at room temperature 30 minutes before baking. Sprinkle casserole with corn flake crumbs. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes before serving. Serves 8 to 10.

Cinnamon Hot Chocolate

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup baking cocoa
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 cup boiling water
- 3 cups milk
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Combine cocoa and sugar in a heavy saucepan. Slowly add boiling water; bring to a boil and boil for 2 minutes. Add milk and cinnamon stick. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove cinnamon stick and add vanilla; stir quickly to froth milk. Makes 4 cups.

Cream Cheese Scrambled Eggs

- 12 eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half or milk
- 2 (3 oz) pkgs cream cheese, cubed
- $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter or margarine
- Chopped fresh chives

Process first 5 ingredients in a blender until frothy, stopping to scrape down sides. Melt butter in a large heavy skillet over medium heat; reduce heat to medium-low. Add egg mixture and cook, without stirring, until mixture begins to set on bottom. Draw a spatula across bottom of skillet to form large curds. Continue cooking until eggs are thickened, but still moist; do not stir constantly. Sprinkle with chives. Serves 6 to 8.

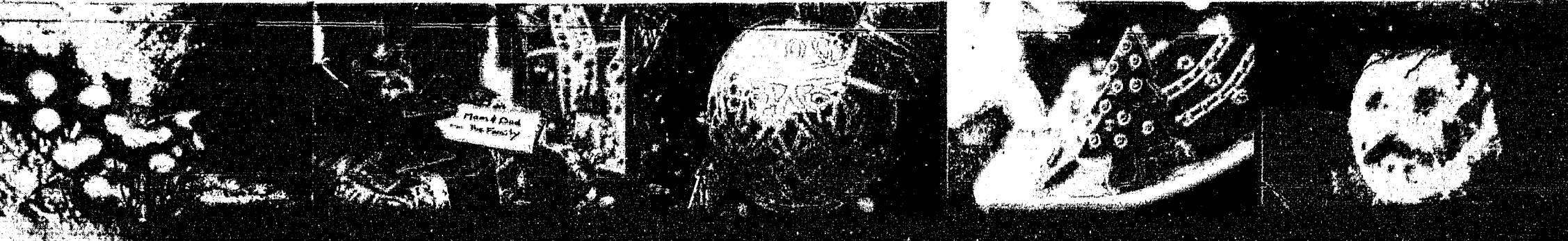


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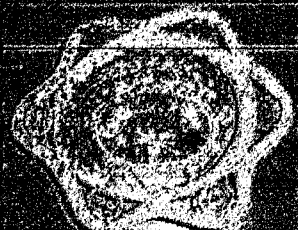
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Bethel



by Nancy Brown

The Bethel Historical Society is presenting the "12th Annual New Year's Bethel" on Dec. 31. The evening will feature a community potluck supper, the State Street Traditional Jazz Band, the Western Mountains Senior Players, marshmallow roasting on the Common, refreshments, and a community sing-along. The events will take place at the Dr. Moses Mason House and West Parish Congregational Church. At midnight the annual New Year's Eve bell-ringing ceremony takes place at the town clock on lower Main Street. Participants should bring their own bells. For more information visit the Bethel Historical Society website at www.bethelhistorical.org or call 824-2908.

Elements Art Gallery is extending the Walter Clark exhibit through the second week in January according to gallery owner Sara Hemeon. Friends and family arranged the exhibit of paintings and drawings to honor the Bethel resident who died on Oct.

28. Clark was a self-taught artist who was deeply influenced by nature and the local area. The exhibit contains dozens of pieces, which show Clark's versatility in watercolor, ink, and oil. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Philbrook Place on lower Main Street. The gallery also sells paintings, jewelry, pottery, photographs, and other artwork by Maine artists.

On Dec. 12, Danna and George Nickerson attended "Peek Day" at Gymnastics Plus in Oxford. The event enables friends and relatives to see what the young people have learned. The Nickerson's granddaughter, Addie Wight, of Bolsters Mills, who is almost two years old, is the youngest member at Gymnastics Plus. Also attending the event were Addie's mother, Kate Wight, Ruth Wight, and John and Susie Wight.

Danna and George Nickerson had lunch at the home of Kate and Nate Wight and their daughter, Addie, in Bolsters Mills on Sunday, Dec. 13. They celebrated the birthdays of Danna and Nate. Other lunch guests were Ruth Wight and John and Susie Wight.

Luna Akers attended a family Christmas party at the home of Kenneth and Julie Verrill in South Paris on Dec. 20. The party was attended by

16 of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dean Potter, cousin of Betsey Foster of Greenwood, has been named Adventurer of the Year by National Geographic. Potter is a rock climber and extreme base jumper. In August 2008 Potter leaped off the north face of the Eiger in Switzerland wearing only a wingsuit and set a world record for the longest base jump ever achieved. He flew almost four miles in two minutes and fifty seconds. Potter's flight can be seen at <http://adventure.nationalgeographic.com/2009/12/best-of-adventure/dean-potter-video>.

Do you have holiday news? Send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call 824-2483.

East Bethel



by Wally Ritz

It is the season, so where to start? First off, last Friday, the 18th, Eva Coolidge celebrated her birthday. Belated Happy Birthday from the whole neighborhood!

Tricia Chappie and her husband, Jack, want to thank Agnes and John Foster for the lovely dinner and conversation they shared the other day.

Now on to all the X-mas cheer: last Saturday there

was another pre X-mas present swap get-together at Arlene Harrington's attended by Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Smith of Surrey, Gloria Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hallman of Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller, and Katie Merrill of Andover. At the Annis' homestead was also a big get-together for family and friends hosted by Amanda (Annis) and Toby Leighton. Her brother, Jacob, and son, his partner, Donna, and daughter were also there; and heard it was lots of fun for all. The Crockett's also had their annual pre X-mas family gathering at Esther Wilson's house, yet as there were about 50 or more attending, we agreed on just saying that all had fun together. Do apologize that this time of year not each individual attendee can be mentioned, sorry. Hope you all can understand.

On my home front, this last storm, though we didn't get any of the snow here, we are praying that Jim, my son-in-law, will make it home in time still.

I will leave the Trivia question open for one more week before going on to the next one. Right now the "why" is at a 5 to 2.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and enjoy.

Again for news, info or answer to the Trivia, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Officer, passerby help
Christmas season traveler

At 4:20 p.m. on Dec. 17 Officer Jack Taylor responded to the Route 2 overpass for a disabled vehicle. The driver, a college student heading home for Christmas break, had a flat tire without the proper tools to fix it. A passerby stopped with the correct lug wrench. The officer changed the tire.

Sunday, Dec. 20

At 12:31 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell stopped a vehicle on the Mayville Road. The passenger had a warrant for his arrest. Eddie J. Sanders, 48, was arrested.

Saturday, Dec. 19

At 8:06 a.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded for a vehicle off the road on the Swan Hill Road. There was no one in it. The driver was later located at his home and found to be all right.

Thursday, Dec. 17

At 1:25 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach responded to a residence for a report of an unwanted person. The subject had left on foot by the time the officer had arrived.

At 9:30 a.m. Sgt. S.R. White responded to the North Road for a report of wires and a tree down on the road. The location was in Gilead, and the GFD responded.

At 2 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor stopped a driver on Mechanic Street. The license was suspended. The subject was given a summons for operating without a license.

At 6 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to Route 26 for a report of a box truck driving erratically. The vehicle was located and stopped. The driver was not under any influence.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of police activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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Gilead
by
Lin Chapman

It is hard to believe that Christmas is this Friday. It is always hectic this time of year, but spending time with the family is worth all the rushing around beforehand. Merry Christmas to everyone!

My brother, Steve McLain, has been busy getting his Christmas shopping done.

We had a surprise visit from a group of carolers from the Pleasant Valley Church last week. They had already been to a few other places in town. They were just getting ready to leave when Jamie and Alicia McLean and their children, Morgan, Tanner and Brandon, came home. They headed back to their house and sang carols to them. The kids really enjoyed it. Thanks to the group.

We have seen quite a few birds coming back to the feeder now that the snow has arrived. Last Friday there was a Cowbird at the feeder and on Saturday there was a Snow Bunting out front looking for something to eat.

Mary Tyler and Sandra Laughy have seen the Carolina Wren a few more times and the Cowbird has been there also.

Sandra Laughy is home from Norway Rehab and feeling pretty good.

Major Stephen McLain sent an e-mail with a beautiful picture from Stravenger, Norway, that was taken from his kitchen window. He said they had approx 6-8 inches of snow the other day. It is a little unusual for that area of Norway. They usually get a slushy snow mixture and/or ice.



THE ICEMAKING BEGINS—The new skating rink at Bethel Station began to take its frozen shape Friday evening. Volunteers under the direction of Jim Sysko and Jim Bennett first laid out heavy plastic (inset) to keep the water from soaking into the ground. Then Bethel Fire Department hoses, hooked to a nearby hydrant, were turned on. Sysko estimates each inch of ice requires about 10,000 gallons of water for the 80 by 200-foot rink, which when ready will be open free of charge to the public. The plan calls for approximately four to five inches of ice. Signs will be posted at the rink when it is open for skating. The rink is a project of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce WinterFest Committee, in cooperation with the town, which is providing the insurance coverage. The site work for the rink was done by D.A. Wilson, and Sunday River Ski Resort will loan its Zamboni machine periodically to smooth the ice, according to Robin Zinchuk of BACC. A warming hut will also be provided. If anyone wishes to donate used ice skates for use on loan at the hut, call the chamber office at 824-2282. Volunteers to help with other tasks, such as snowblowing, the rink after storms, are also needed.

West Bethel

by
Lorrie Hoeh

Mike and I, along with Jake, walked out on Sunday morning under a heavily overcast, leaden sky. The landscape was transformed by the quality of light into a black and white scene, with an occasional sepia-toned leaf or pine

cone. Even Jake's lovely chocolate coat became black, as did the firs and pines, so absent was the sun's spectrum of color. The storm that buried the eastern seaboard gave us a bye, however, and nary a flake fell here that day.

Mike has seen snow buntings down the road near the Grover Hill intersection. We are seeing a few nuthatches and chickadees, but are still waiting for some of the finches, grosbeaks, and sparrows.

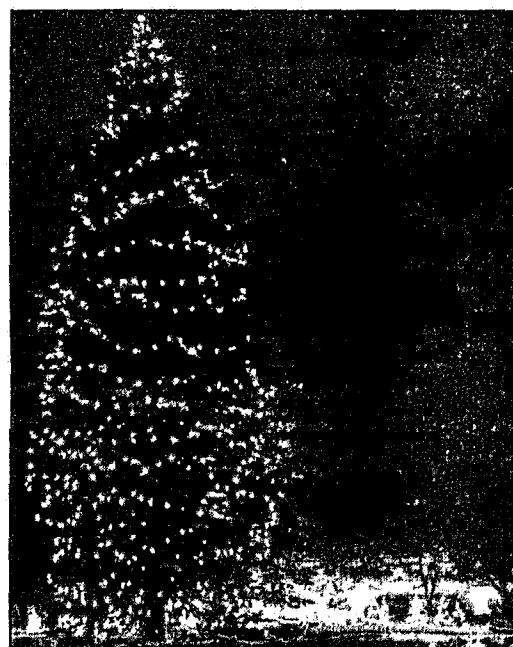
An e-mail from Betsey Fos-

ter in Greenwood told of birds and mammals on and around Round Pond. She saw many birds in the fall, including a few crossbills. She has one unusually small female hairy woodpecker who is one tough lady and chases the downy woodpeckers away. The last of the waterfowl have left now that ice is forming. Betsey's last visitors were hooded mergansers and loons. A bald eagle flies over occasionally. She saw the Bethel baldy sitting in

a tree at Davis Park recently. Remember when we were worried about their survival?

Betsey also has seen weasel tracks around, but no bobcats. However, there are plenty of squirrels, the indomitable ones. Thanks for the report, Betsey!

You may have noticed the construction on the Flat Road, of, first, a small camp set way back on the east side of the road, followed by a barn, and



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Please take notice that Dumont Enterprises, Inc., PO Box 932, Bethel, Maine 04217; Tel: 207-897-6752 is intending to file a Stormwater Management Law permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 480-A through 480-Z and 481 through 490 on or about December 18th, 2009.

The application is for a 13 lot residential subdivision expanding the existing Mountain Valley Subdivision at the following location: Off the Taylor Smith Road, extending Mountain Valley Road.

A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Portland during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Bethel, Maine.

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finally, a saltbox-style house. These buildings are the work of Peter Hedden and Tracy Wilkerson, both teachers at Gould. They are currently living in the dorm, but move to the Flat during vacations, and eventually they will make their home there permanently.

All this is by way of introducing their latest news. Pete and Tracy's son, Reiley, 3½, has a new sister, Osie, born earlier this month. Tracy explained that Osie's name has been in her family for generations back to the Civil War, and honors her Cousin Osie. Pete teaches physics and chemistry at Gould, coaches golf, and works with the Ski Patrol program. Tracy manages the dorm and the school farm. The horses are at Gould during the school year, and then in the barn on Flat Road when school is out. I'm sure that this Christmas will be extra special with the addition of Osie to the family.

And now, with apologies to Clement Moore once again, herewith my Christmas doggerel:

'Tis the night before Christmas in West Bethel town; The tree lights are twinkling, and snow's on the ground.

The children are snuggled all warm in their beds, With dreams of tomorrow's fun filling their heads.

Houses are filled with secrets and smells, And sometimes we hear what may be sleigh bells.

Now we send you a wish, as this poem's end nears,

Merry Christmas, good health, love, and good cheer!

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson
About 55 people attended the Christmas dinner

at Praise Assembly of God, Sunday evening. Among them from Locke Mills were Lorraine Larson and Crystal Lake. As usual there was plenty of food. After the main course Pastor Thacker showed a video of a Veggie Tale about Saint Nickolas and a song about giving. Following that people put their names in for a drawing to receive a large basket filled with Christmas goodies. It was won by a young man named Jason who comes in with a couple of friends to our services when there is not a service at their church. Then the children were given cute Christmas stockings

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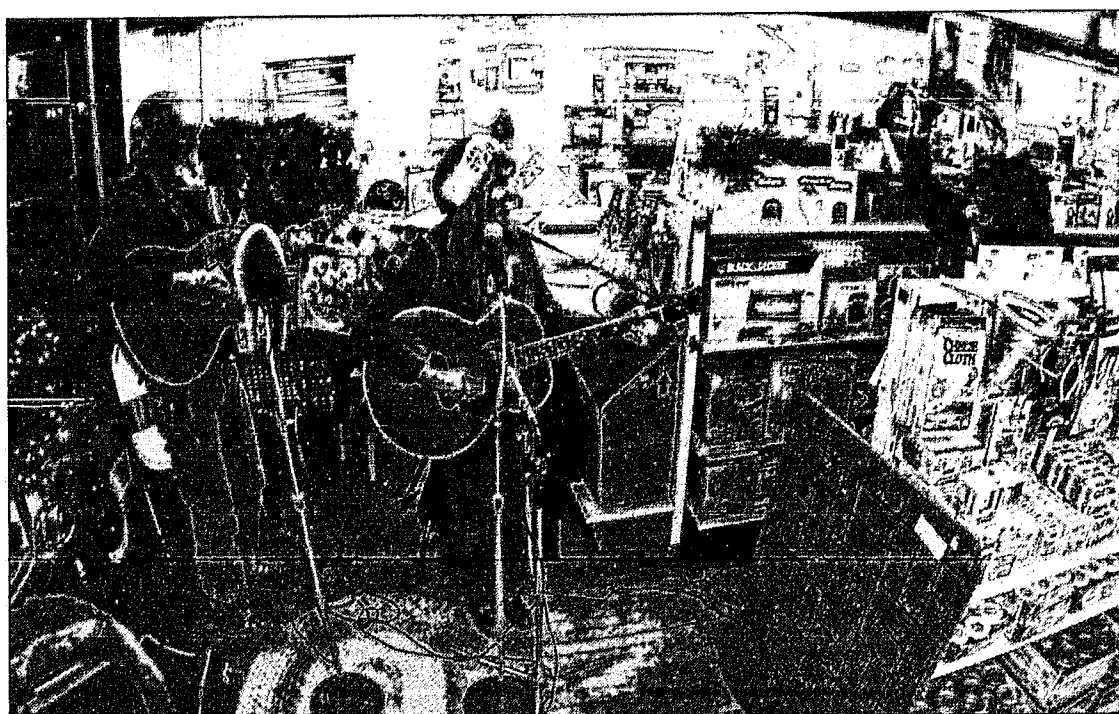
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filled with candy and the desserts were made available. Leslie Aron made her famous cream puffs, but I was not quick enough to get one. They go fast. I did get a piece of my favorite dessert—apple pie! Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Pastor and Mary leave next Sunday after the service to go to Lusby, Md., to spend Christmas with his parents, Curtis Otis and Joanne Thacker, and his sister, Kim, and children, Lauren and Ryan. He also has two brothers who will no doubt be visiting. One of them is named Darrin. The other one is married but the only name I have is of his year old niece, Rainey. I don't remember names very well unless I hear them often and guess who

the pastor talks most about! I don't blame him, I have seen her picture and Rainey is very cute.

It is hard to believe that Christmas is only a week away as I write this. I haven't even gotten my tree yet. I have bought most of the gifts I plan to give out which is a miracle in itself. I need to finish addressing my cards and wrap the gifts but I have a few days left to do that, thank God. I used to be someone who left everything to do at the last minute and then rushed to get everything done. Well, I can't do that anymore because there is just no rush left in me. Now I have to do things slowly a bit at a time and it is very frustrating let me tell you. The thing I have lost that I miss the most,

after my mind, is the ability to do things quickly. I plod along like the donkey, Eeore, or however one spells it, and with about the same enthusiasm, sometimes.

I do get enthused over some things, such as the Celtics, who have finally gotten their act together it would seem. Now, if only the same thing could be said for the Patriots. And I enjoy the youngsters and teens in our church. Children never change and have a boundless supply of energy as long as they are not sick. I think sickness in children should be outlawed but I am not in charge of such things.

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deep freeze and Chloe can't figure why she is not let out. Unfortunately when it is so cold her muscles just seize up and she can't move. Since I am not in any condition to wade in the snow to go get her when this happens I figure the best thing is not to go there in the first place. Now Garbo, having reached the ripe old age of fifteen, has sense enough to stick her nose outside, sniff the air, goes "ruf" deep in her throat, and turns around and heads back for the warmth of the house. She does complain a lot to me while she is doing it but weather is another thing over which I have no control so I either ignore her or say, "Shut up, Garbo" and that is the end of the matter.

I hope you all are warm, happy and ready for Christmas so until next time, God bless.

Upton



by Laurie Brown

Gloria Morton of Rumford and Upton won the afghan crocheted by Krys

Bernier — she can snuggle now!

The frigid weather in the unheated Ladies Aid Building caused the refrigerator to act like a freezer. The gals have to make some alternative ar-

rangements in order to keep serving breakfasts on Sunday mornings — they'll figure it out — too many people enjoy the breakfasts to stop serving so soon!

Ben French and Elise Furlong of Portland spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents in South Upton. Lane and Angel Brown of Barnet, Vt., joined them Sunday morning to share presents and dinner.

Brother Lou found a copy of "Northern Junket" Vol. 1 No. 8, written in 1949. The monthly mailing sold for 20 cents per copy or two dollars a year. The editor was Ralph of Keene, N.H., and associate editors were Joe Blundon and Gil Daniels. In this issue was an article written by Lillian Judkins Abbott, entitled, "Whin I was a Girl in Maine." Aunt Lillian wrote mainly about Christmastime. Although we tried, I couldn't receive a copy in time to read at the annual Christmas program. I'll tell you a bit of her article today, assuming you, like me, will have forgotten it by next year, when I'll share the whole thing with you. About Santa Claus, she wrote: "... we would hear the welcome breathless sound of Santa Claus' sleighbells approaching. It's a funny thing about Santa Claus, now that I am an adult and consider the matter seriously. We all knew, from as far back as

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any of us can remember, that he was someone we know dressed as Santa. And I think this increased our pleasure in him as there never was a time when we were suddenly disillusioned about Santa, or that our parents had to explain. If I could go back to Upton this Christmas and go to Church along with everyone else, I'd still know and believe in Santa Claus with the same unquestioning faith I had then. She also wrote, "Seems like, to me, the one quality which all Christmases had for me, for my folks, for all of us, was the togetherness, the community spirit which nobody talked about, but everybody had. Perhaps and probably the grown-ups had financial and other worries and troubles, but they never allowed them to cloud the wonderful traditional Christmas celebrations I always knew."

Thanks, Aunt Lillian, for the timely input! That's all. Have a wonderful Christmas. Selah

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

On the 16th of the Bethel House, where I live, had their annual Christmas Party with lots of goodies, an exchange of gifts and lovely decorations furnished by Mr. Craig. Someone had stolen all the lights and decorations plus the card tables from the Community Room. Mr. Craig's wife sent them up for us to use and enjoy. It was a wonderful event. The management did the food and kept us all happy getting to meet and enjoy many of those who live here.

Last week I made a quick visit to Dr. Steur's office and visited with the girls who always greet me well no matter how busy they are. They

were putting up holiday decorations to enhance the inside office.

A beautiful Christmas wreath was left at my door with no name of the giver. After a few phone calls I found the donor to be a very special friend of mine known for most of the years I worked in Bethel.

This past Sunday the Bear River Trading Post tagged their first foxes and coyotes, as the season is now open. They still have lots of last-minute stocking stuffers which would be perfect for the outdoorsman and include fishing flies, cleaning kits, compasses, Kinco insulated work gloves along with cast iron Dutch ovens six and 12 quart. On New Year's Eve they are inviting everyone to bring their Christmas trees to the 4th annual burning of the trees in their lower field. They will have coffee and those who wish may bring food to grill. Give them a call at 824-2327 if you have questions.

The January snowmobile meeting is on Sunday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Information regarding the WVSC trail conditions can be obtained by calling Leon Dunn at 824-3335, Ed Powers at 739-9618 or Brad Wight at 824-2288.

You may stop by the Town Office to get a list of club members and a season schedule of events from Dave Bonney. New members are always welcome. Please feel free to join the club at that time.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

Some folks wait all year for this. The holidays are a special time for many people. We hope everyone enjoys the season the best and safest way they can.



CHRISTMAS PARTYGOERS—Children who participated in Upton's annual Christmas Party were, front: Caitlin Casey, Lotty Casco, Bridgette Norman, Keona Bouchard, Dillan Fierro. Back: Jessica Casey, Elissa Dyer, Lexi-Ann Hart, Jacob Coulombe, Andrew Coulombe; Not available for picture: Cameron Bouchard.

The Hanover Town Office will be closed for the holidays Dec. 24 and 25 and again next week on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

The Hanover Select Board met Wednesday, Dec. 16, for their monthly meeting. They accepted the minutes from the November meeting with the correction of spelling errors. (I wonder why?)

Bob Fortin reported on the Oxford County Regional Solid Waste Corp. He noted that they bill Hanover according to Maine Municipal Association population figures rather than the United States Census that shows a lower population. He said that locally Tri-Town Solid Waste and Recycle are considering single stream recycling.

The Board appointed Dimitrios Handanos to a five-year term on the Hanover Planning Board. He is replacing Mike Brown who had served on the planning board many years including being the chairman and secretary during his tenure. There is now a vacancy for a planning board alternate

and it is expected the select board will fill that position at their January meeting. The next select board meeting will be Jan. 12, a week earlier than usual.

Marcello Deluca outlined for the select board his plan to build a picnic shelter near the town office. He is a Boy Scout with Troop 565 in Bethel and he is working toward an Eagle Scout project. He is gathering information for materials estimates, construction procedures and permitting obligations. The Hanover Board supported his efforts. The actual construction would likely be in 2011.

We know that Joan Tucker has been having a tough fall this year.

Cards may be sent to her at 164 Route 108, Rumford, ME 04276.

The Rumford Grange Christmas Raffle was drawn Dec. 18. Judy Sanborn won a Christmas basket; Marion Brooks won a food basket; Pam Cronkite, Karen Murphy, Judy Sanborn and Vicki Clark

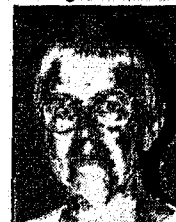
won Christmas stockings. Items won can be picked up at the Hanover Town Office. Still available are raffle donations to win one hour of tilling or bush hogging by Wendell Easter, a tank of propane from Community Energy, ski tickets for Sunday River and Saddleback, and a cord of firewood from Brian Worcester. They will be drawn in early January.

The 2010 hunting and fishing licenses are now available at the Hanover Town Office. Available and due before Jan. 1 are dog tags. Be good to your best friend.

Dog licenses are \$10 each unless they are spayed or neutered when it is \$6. Be sure to have up-to-date rabies certificates and neuter/spay certificates if applicable.

It looks as if the Androscoggin River and Howard Pond are just about frozen over.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. No services on Wednesday, Dec. 23, but a candle-light Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. Come celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW held their regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 14 at the home of Alice Hoyt. Helvi Cary filled in as guide. The charter was draped in memory of Iva Farrar and Eleanor Pugliese. Eight members were present.

Six attended the Veterans Day program at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills. First nomination of officers was held. Mystery package went to Helvi Cary. Twenty-one calls were reported. Exchange of gifts and cards was held following the meeting with refreshments. Elsie Bonney and Sally Sawyer took gifts to Togus for veterans and gift shop. Next meeting is Jan. 11.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Historical Society
The January meeting of the Historical Society will be held on the second Saturday of the month at the town conference room. There will be a 6 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Supper. Each one to bring their own sandwich. Soup provided. Program on Disney World.

The Museum is a Cultural Center for the area and a representative New England Museum.

It features art, local memorabilia, fine furniture, glass, instruments; quilts, china, tins, farm implements, tools, old photos and much more. It also has sports trophies from the old high school in a nice case along with several ball gloves and balls. Be sure to visit next summer.

Larry's Cultural Center has a Red Sox sign, typical of New England. Larry recently got a rare print of an old-fashioned skater for his center. Do visit soon and see it.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

Friday is the big day — I hope that everybody finds what they want under the tree, and that Santa was very good to you. Even if you were naughty or nice. Merry Christmas, everybody. See ya next week.

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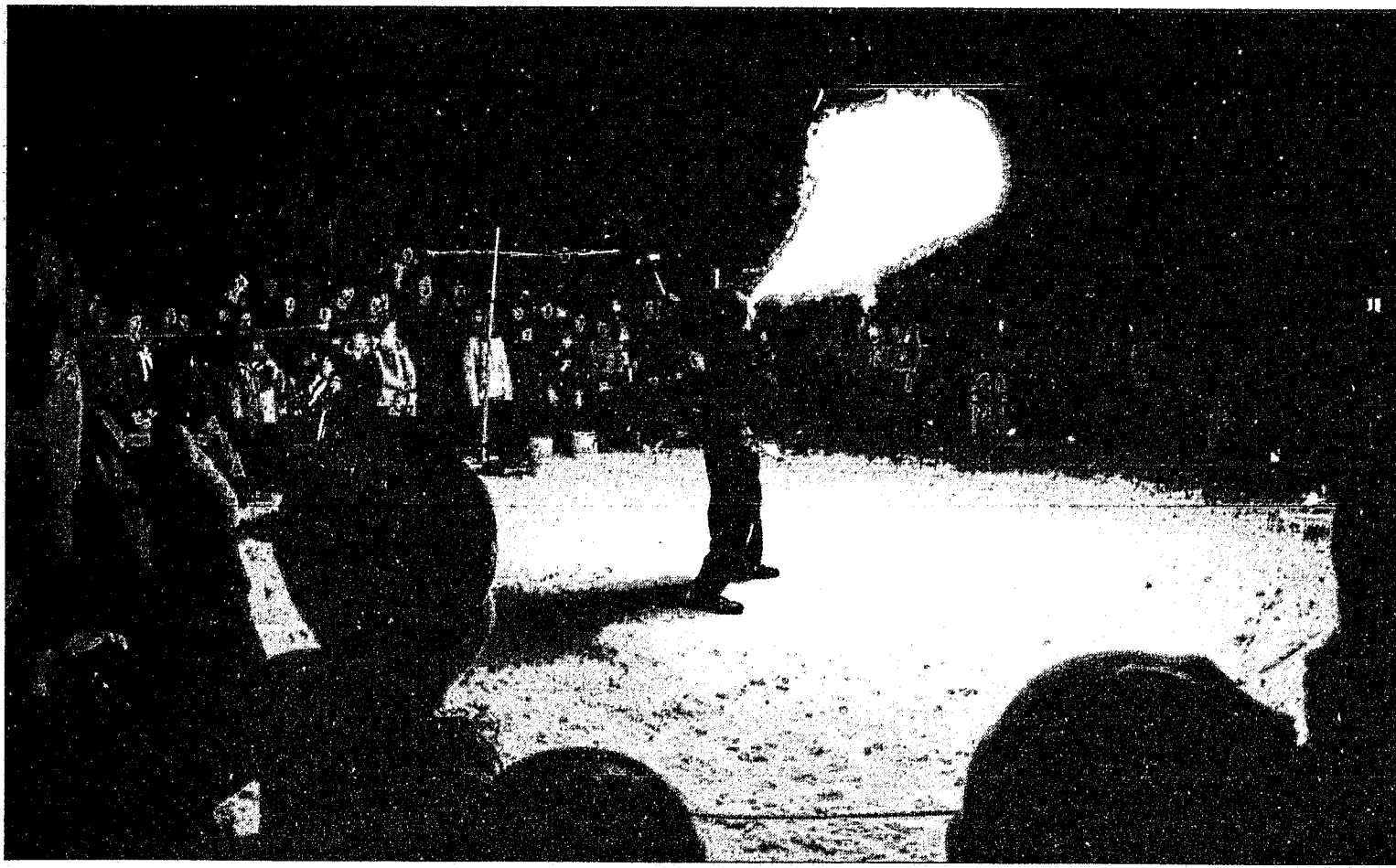
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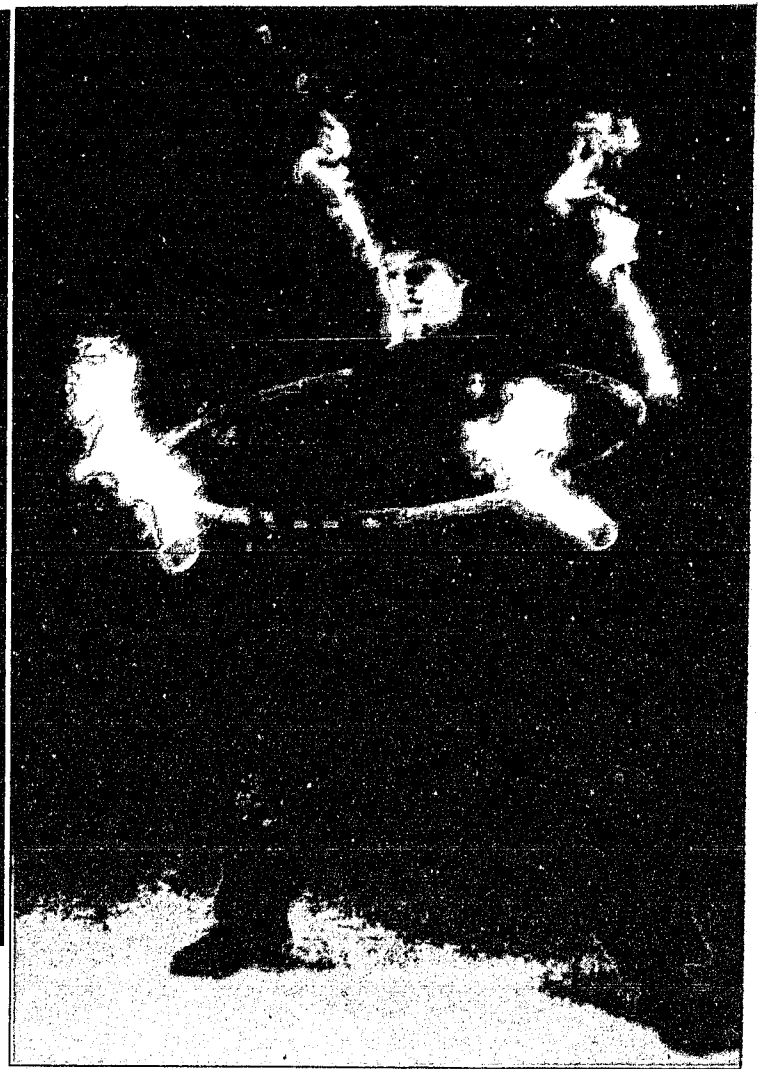
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FIRE DANCERS LIGHT UP THE SLOPE—As part of Sunday River Ski Resort's 50th anniversary celebration Saturday, PolStar fire-dancers from Boston performed on the slope outside South Ridge Lodge. Above, a dancer breathes fire; right, a flaming hula hoop dance. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



Mason



by Richard Grover

Have you noticed? There seems to be a bumper crop of pine

cones this year. Nearly all the mature pine trees are loaded with cones. This seems to occur about every 10 to 15 years. Last time it happened I was logging on the hill behind the house, so I opened up quite a few spaces for new trees, and the pine tree seedlings filled every space with a dense crop of little pine trees. These are now about four to five feet tall. I'm looking for another bumper crop of little pine trees next year.

I noticed something else this fall with the arrival of cold weather.

Snuffy is still sleeping outside most nights, at least until I get up early to start a wood fire. Anyway, he has a really dense husky/shepherd coat by now. Another thing he has is hair between the pads of his feet. I've noticed this before, but this year the hair there is longer than I remember ever seeing it. It must be a good inch long. I hope this isn't a harbinger of a really cold winter!

I am logging again this winter, cutting firewood and a few hardwood saw logs. One of those really cold days last week I cut a good size cedar tree which was in the way of the felling of a large maple tree, so I cut the cedar for kindling wood because it was going to get crushed by the falling maple otherwise.

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I didn't realize the cedar was hollow until I sawed into it, and when it fell, out of several holes came a family of flying squirrels! I really felt bad for the squirrels, as I saw them scurry up other trees, and now and then one would sail down to another tree. They looked like one of those daredevil sky divers who wear what looks like a superman suit. One little fuzzy squirrel huddled in the crotch of a tiny beech tree about 20 feet up, so I moved my logging over a ways to give the squirrels some time to adapt and look for another hollow tree.

Last Sunday Mona and I went to Jane and Craig's for either a late Thanksgiving or early Christmas dinner with other close family members. Craig's mother, Cleo, was there, and he joked with her that he never saw Santa Claus come down the chimney with a bag of toys when he was a kid.

Sometime later Cleo came back through the kitchen door dressed in a Santa suit and carrying an old cardboard chimney over her head and a bag of Christmas presents. We all had a good laugh at Craig's expense.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

This will be a very short column. I want to wish everyone a very Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I know we plan to celebrate at daughter Becky's house. All the family is expected to be there, weather permitting. It will be great to see everyone all in one room/house.

On other fronts, I have been working Saturdays so do not see everyone I usually see on Wednesdays. Today may be different as I plan to work Wednesday and let Darlene work the day after Christmas. Too much cardboard for me! I am very thankful that friend Gail has been volunteering. It has saved us; Dave and I are too old for three containers of cardboard. That alone may cause us to go single stream. That means that all recycling goes in one container and is compacted and then taken away.

Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families continues to meet at the

Waterford Library at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. It is a small group and new people are more than welcome. Give yourself an early Christmas present and come meet with us. FMI call 743-0583. Again have a great holiday. Stay safe.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. Take note that this week

and next the hours at the Town Office are different. On Wednesday they will be open from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. No afternoon hours.

The Andover Recreation Committee is pleased to announce that there will be an ice skating rink behind the fire station this winter. Members of AFD have been working hard to install the rink enclosure and with winter weather forecasted, skating should be available over Christmas break. Citizens will need to adhere to parking rules in case of an emergency call. The Fire Station bathrooms will be available and the rink will

be lighted. We will post these times soon.

This is an exciting community endeavor and anyone who would like to help maintain the project is welcome.

Happy birthday on Sunday, Dec. 27, to Megan Chaisson, and to Hannah Jean Merrill on the 30th (she shares a birthday with her grandpa).

Budha Palmer, Lexington, Ky., has been here for a few days visiting with his mother, Joanne, and other family. I ran into him, his brother, Ed, and nephew, Brandon, on Saturday. We reminisced about the "good old days" and hanging out at the basketball courts in town and playing "b-ball" for hours a day!

Merry Christmas — hang your stockings and say your prayers, 'cause Santa's coming Friday night.

Albany



by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township.

It has been cold (!) these past few days. Our pipes froze up and broke last week and Dana ended up spending all day Thursday fixing them. He got them taken care of brilliantly, and we were still able to go pick up Dyana from college on Friday. Yay! She's home and everyone is happy about it. She has to return just before the New Year, so anyone who wants to say "hi" while she's here, do so.

We wish for everyone a most wonderful Christmas, full of joy, family, friends, and good feelings.

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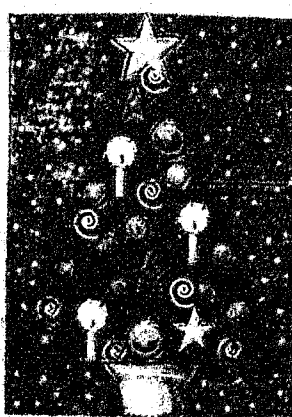


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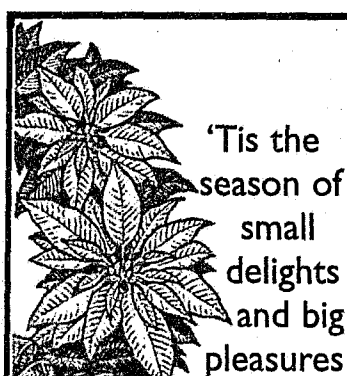
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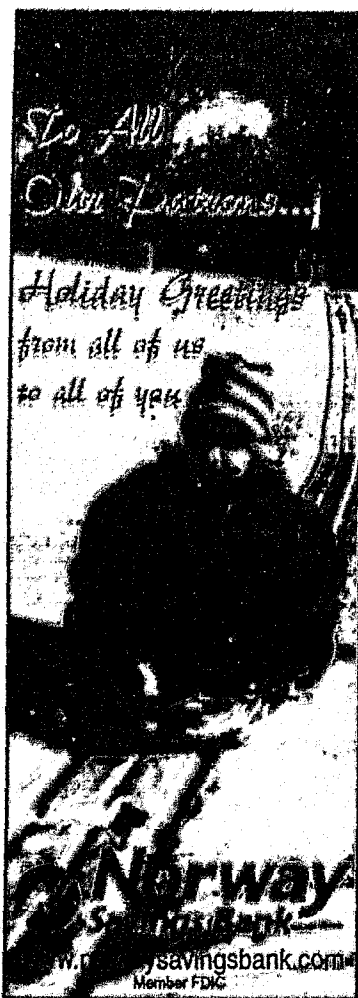


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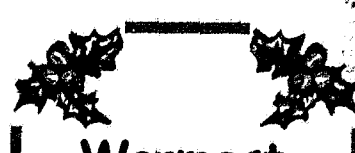
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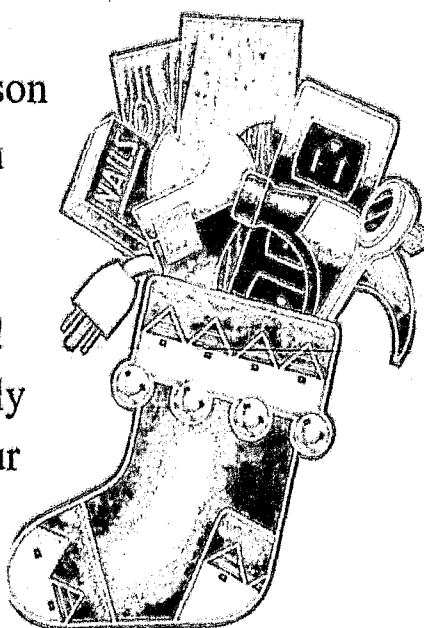
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Crescent Park Elementary



First graders from CPS, AES, and WES visited the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, as well as Pumpkinland. This field trip was the culminating activity for their science unit on living things. The students learned about the life cycles and habitats of Maine animals and plants.



The children at Early Minds at Gould Academy walk to CPS to visit Mrs. Jerome's fourth grade class each Tuesday morning for Reading Buddies where they share stories and activities with their older friends. Clockwise from bottom left (boy reading) Boston Ludden, Matthew Morin, Corliss Ordway, Leah Angevine, Alex Chase, Ben Parsons, Mrs. Jerome, Quinn Jerome, Kyle Colby, Shawna Howard-Berube. Above: Jake Carson, Colton Carson, Mason Keefe and Marta Opie.

Andover Elementary



Students in Mrs. Sabin's class recently completed a literacy project focusing on award-winning Caldecott Medal books. The class is pictured displaying their water color renditions from the book "Owl Moon" and individually created similes.



Kindergarten and first-grade students were recently honored to have Marc Chaisson's uncle appear as Show and Tell. Mr. Chaisson, who was home for Thanksgiving, is serving in the military and gave a short presentation to the class.

Woodstock Elementary



Wilma Bean joins her granddaughter Taylor Merrill in experimenting to see which brand of detergent makes the largest diameter bubbles. Also pictured are Jakob Bachelor and Ricky Kneeland.



AES students recently participated in a bus safety presentation coordinated by Ron Deegan and three members of his Transportation Department. Pictured are Brand Bailey, Andover bus driver, and several students enacting proper bus procedure.



Woodstock School - Holidays Around the World The students at WES get a chance to learn different cultures, traditions, and even taste food from other countries during our Holidays Around the World. Students receive a passport and when they enter a new country (classroom), they get a sticker to show where they have traveled. Teachers have samples of music, pictures, crafts, and even powerpoints to show the different traditions for the country they are celebrating. Here Cyrena and Deziree make stars for Austria, and (inset) Ella made bells for Liberia.

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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzell16@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families** (ACOA or ACA) group meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons). All welcome. FMI call 743-0583.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters**, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thru Jan. 2010 - **At Norway Library**: Local scenes: paintings and prints by Cynthia Burmeister. FMI: 743-5909 or visit www.Norway.lib.me.us.

U.S. Census Bureau testing for spring work (\$14.50/hr., 55 cents/mile: 10:30 a.m. Mondays Crescent Park School and 2 p.m. Dixfield Library; Tuesdays 2 p.m. Upton Town Office (appointment only) and 2 p.m. Andover Town Hall; 10 a.m. Wednesday Roxbury Town Hall and 1 p.m. Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium. 6 p.m. in Mexico tba. FMI: 1 (866)-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov for exact dates.

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, now showing Tree of Life collection by Harvest Gold artist Lynda Rasco-Rudd. Earrings - pendants, rings, charms, bracelets. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

Thru January 15
In memory of Walter Clark (12/23/21-10/28/09) a showing of his lifetime artworks will be at Elements Art Gallery, Philbrook Barn, 162 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: contact Sara Haemon at 357-0189.

Dec 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 23
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 7701 Main Street, Oxford. FMI: call Patty 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

Thursday, Dec. 24
4 and 7 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Services** at West Parish Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), 32 Church Street, Bethel: 4 p.m. Christmas story in drama, song and bells and 7 p.m. traditional service of Lessons and Carols with candlelight and chancel choir.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2.

Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Upton Library: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-Noon.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, E-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

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Church Services

ALBANY
Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER
First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL
Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info.. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Saviour, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 6 pm. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.. FMI call 824-0550.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday

School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM
Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH
Assembly of God - Pastor Paul LeVigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS
Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9

a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY
Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale. Special annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service (Dec. 24) by the upstairs fireplace in Barker Mtn. Lodge, 7:30 pm. Regular services start the following Sunday (Dec. 27) upstairs at White Cap, 10-11 a.m. For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS
First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug., Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

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St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotory.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Saviour, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.. The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

RUMFORD CENTER
Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT
Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER
East Sumner Congregational- Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS
Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 am., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK
Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

6 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Service** at Bethel United Methodist Church.

7 p.m. - **Candlelight Service** at Bethel Alliance Church joined by Bethel Church of Nazarene at the Alliance Church at 251 Walker's Mills Road, Bethel.

7:30 p.m. - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** Interdenominational Worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale and Gospel singer Cynthia Clark at Barker Mountain Lodge 3rd floor, Sunday River Resort.

7:30 p.m. - **Candlelight Service** at West Paris Universalist Church.

Saturday, Dec. 26
7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** playing old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5.

Sunday, Dec. 27
1 p.m. - **100th Birthday Celebration** for Edna York's 100th Birthday at Locke Mills Legion Hall.

Tuesday, Dec. 29
6 to 8 p.m. - **Les Otten**, Maine governor candidate of Bethel, will speak and answer questions about the campaign and his priorities for Maine at Bethel Inn Conference Center. Free and open to the public. Appetizers served and cash bar. RSVP to info@lesotten.com.

7 p.m. - **Maine Hysterical Society** in action, presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at Sunday River.

Thursday, Dec. 31
12th annual **New Year's Bethel** (chemical free) sponsored by Bethel Historical Society with potluck supper (5 p.m.), Dragon Parade around Bethel Common (6p.m.), Mason House candlelight open house (6 p.m.), bonfire and marshmallow roasting on common (begins 7 p.m.), at West Parish Congregational Church: (7 p.m.) State Street Traditional Jazz Band, and Western Mountain Senior Players (8 p.m.), community sing-along (10:30 p.m. Mason House), midnight bell ringing at Town Clock on lower Main Street (bring a bell). Advance tickets: \$8 adults and \$6 children age 6 to 18 available at O'Neil Robinson House, Chamber of Commerce, Maine Line Products, Locke Mills; at door: \$10/\$8. FMI: call 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or visit www.bethelhistorical.org.

New Year's Party with dance music by Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Reservations: call Betty DeCoteau (743-7965). Cost: \$12.50 singles and \$25 couples.

Friday, Jan. 1
11 a.m. - **26th Annual Carter's Last Stand**, New Year Back Country Guided Ski tour at Carter's XC Ski Center, Bethel. BBQ lunch follows.

Saturday, Jan. 2
Skating Lessons 8-week United Figure Skating program starts at Long Lake Skating School, Bridgton Ice Arena. All skaters welcome, toddler to adult. FMI: call Laurie 655-2774.

7 p.m. - **Dave Garrity**, illusionist, presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at Sunday River.

Sunday, Jan. 3
4:30 to 7 p.m. - **Bethel Outing Club** swim and potluck supper at Bethel Inn Recreation Center. Swimming 4:30 to 5:30, potluck 5:30. Anyone welcome to attend. RSVP Beth Clarke at clark@sad44.org. FMI: www.bethelouting.org and for notification of club events e-mail kirks@megalink.net.

Sundays, Jan. 3 and 31, March 28
Community Free Ski Days for SAD44 residents at Sunday River Ski Resort, plus free skiing and riding, free rentals, free First Experience Learn to Ski and Ride clinics available for ages 15 and up (pre-registration required), 50 percent discount at food and beverage outlets. Proof of residency needed by driver's license, tax bill or document showing address.

Monday, Jan. 4
6:30 to 8:30 - **Socrates Cafe** meeting at Waterford Library with theme "Preparing for 21st Century Jobs: How Do We Go About It?" Jim Kearney facilitator. FMI: call 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 4 and 5
6:30 to 9:30 p.m. - **Auditions** for "Crazy For You" at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Auditorium. Call bapks Thursday, Jan. 7, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Updates available on Facebook under group OHSCBS. Sing a song from show and learn part of a dance number or bring music or prepared accompaniment for musical audition or your own prepared dance piece. FMI: e-mail kjordan@sad17.k12.me.us.

Mondays, Jan. 4, 11, 25
10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning**, free workshops hosted by Maine Educational Opportunity Center: South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street Monday Jan. 4 and 25 and Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street, Monday, Jan. 11. FMI or to register call (800) 28103703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu.

Thursday, Jan. 7
8:30 a.m. - **Andro River Watershed Council** annual conference at Bethel Inn Resort's Conference Center. FMI and registration form: visit www.androscogginwatershed.org.

Thursday, Jan 7 and Friday, Jan 8
Fusionworks Dance presented by Mahoosuc Arts Council on Thursday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium and on Friday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. at Telstar Regional Middle and High schools and area home-schooled students. Tickets: \$10 adults and \$6 seniors and children. FMI: call 824-3575 or visit www.mahoosucarts.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 12
2 to 4 p.m. - **Oxford County USDA Local Working Group** meeting hosted by Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District at Oxford County University of Maine Cooperative Extension building, 9 Olsen Street, South Paris (Route 26 just past Jewell's Tire). Open to public. FMI: call Jane Heikkinen (743-5789 ext 101).

7 p.m. - **National Marionette Theater's "Hansel & Gretel,"** presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at Sunday River.

Mondays, Jan. 11 thru Feb. 15
10:15 to 11:15 - **T'ai Chi and Qigong** to Improve Your Health six-week classes at Norway Memorial Library sponsored by Stephens Memorial Hospital's Maine Health Learning Resource Center. Cost: \$55 per person. Instructor: Betsey Foster. Registration preferred. FMI or to register: 1-866-609-5183.

Wednesday, Jan. 13
11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** dinner/meeting at Bethel Inn. Dinner \$12 members and \$14 nonmembers. Reservations required: call either Nancy (824-3350 or Arlene (824-2877) before Jan. 11.

Thursday, Jan. 14
2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, will have as guest speaker Wayne Howe, a Bryant Pond resident, who will show slides of rail cars, rail seeders and putt cars. Open to public and light refreshments.

Saturday, Jan. 16
7 p.m. - **Rainforest Reptile Show**, presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom, Sunday River. Hands-on allows direct contact with live animals. In the show will be alligators, turtles and other species from tropical rainforests of the world.

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From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

President Susan Herlihy presided over a special meeting of the Bethel Historical Society on Dec. 17 where the proposed bylaw revisions were considered and discussed by a dozen members (quorum being ten). This meeting was announced in the society's "Broad Street Herald" mailed along with a copy of the proposed revisions to all members in November.

With the approval of a few minor amendments to the main motion, the revised bylaws were approved by more than the two-thirds majority required. Once the approval was voted, the meeting was promptly adjourned by vote of the members present.

New Year's Bethel

The 12th annual New Year's Bethel, sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society, will be featuring a wide variety of activities for a broad audience starting at 5 p.m. with a community potluck supper. This chemical-free evening will also feature a dragon parade around the Town Common at 6 p.m., a Dr. Mason House candlelight open house also at 6 p.m. as well as bonfire and marshmallow roasting beginning at 7 p.m., sing along at 10:30 p.m. at the Dr. Moses Mason House and finally with a literal ringing in of the New Year at the town clock on Main Street with a variety of hand, sleigh, and ship bells at the stroke of midnight.

Performances of State Street Traditional Jazz Band will begin at 7 p.m. and include

an interactive family performance for children. Also there will be performance by the Western Maine Senior Players beginning at 8 p.m. Both of these events will be held at the Congregational Church on Church Street.

Advance tickets for the performances are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children age 6 to 18 and are available at the Bethel Historical Society's O'Neil Robinson House, the Bethel Chamber of Commerce, the Bethel Citizen and Maine Line Products in Locke Mills. At the door on Dec. 31, tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and five and under free. For more information, please call the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

A number of sponsors have already contributed to the event:

Patrons (\$200 or more) Walter and Carolyn Hatch, Bethel, Richard C. Valentine, Bethel; Friends (\$100 to \$199); Contributor (less than \$100) Harry and Elaine Dresser, Bethel, Stan Howe, Bethel, Becky Kendall, Bethel; Christine P. Longley, Albany Township, Rachel and Blake MacKay, Bethel, Nancy Mercer, Bethel, Marvin and Tineke Ouwinga, Bethel, David and Maryjane Shiverick, Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vogt, Bethel, Jane B. Young, Bethel; Business, Brooks Brothers, Rivendell House B & B, Bethel; Gifts in Kind, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce (NYB poster sponsor).

To become a sponsor, please send contributions to the society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217. The names of all sponsors will be prominently listed at the venues unless one wishes to remain anonymous. For more information: 824-2908 / (800) 824-2910.

Honor roll

TELSTARHIGH/ MIDDLE SCHOOL

The following pupils have been named to the Telstar High/Middle School Honor Roll for the first quarter of school year 2009-2010.

GRADE 12

High Honors: Roxanne Jewell.

Honors: Tyler Aldrich, Megan Bonney, Amber Davis, Michael Fitzmorris, Jaymee-Leigh Grover, Bradi McAlister, Christina Morin, Keith Morin, Amanda Wiley, Kara Zadaki.

GRADE 11

Honors: Dustyn Bailey, Emma Davis, Cheyanne Day, Kimberlei Dean, Emily DeCarolis, Victoria Forkus, Morgan Lee, Taylor Maines, Chodchuang Nathansen, Timothy O'Connor, Elek Pew, Ashley Sabins, Simon Smith, Jamie Steven, Grace Stover.

GRADE 10

High Honors: Adam Mahar. **Honors:** Emily Bellinger, Kallie Brown, Britany Douglass, Natasha Farnum, Matthew Keane, Karen White, Daniel Whitney.

GRADE NINE

High Honors: Gabrielle Conrad.

Honors: Jessica Casey, Colton Davis, Colton Godwin, Richard James, Kailey Kennagh, Kurt Mason, Jennalee Putnam.

GRADE EIGHT

High Honors: Alyssa Brands, Kathryn Coolidge, Caili Inman, Samantha Mallory, Justin Stearns.

Honors: August Abbott, Samantha Corriveau, Kiersten Drapeau, Maisey

Griffin, Cathryn Haberman-Fake, Josef Holt, Alexander Manning, Gabrielle Monzo, Mariha Morin, Emileigh Parsons, Savanna Patenaude, Alexandra Risko, Austin Ryerson, Anna Saucier, Anneliese Smith, Jennifer Wakefield, Mackenzie White, Taran Wilson.

GRADE SEVEN

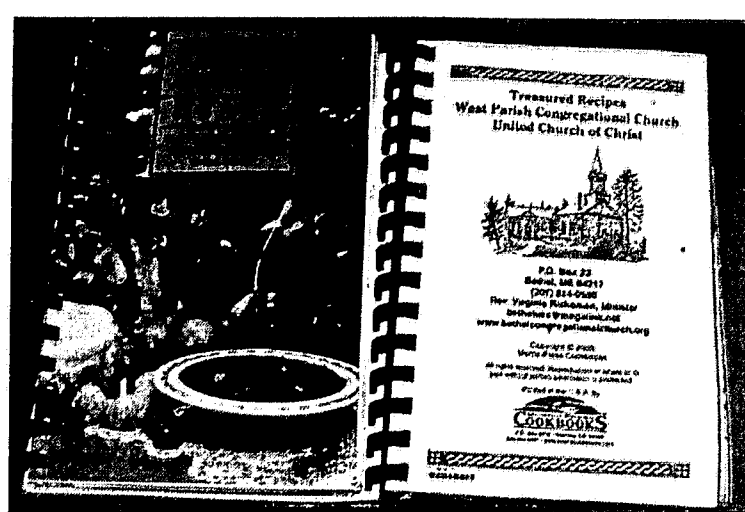
High Honors: Liam Gallagher, Rachael Goldberg, Rose Goldberg, Nicholas Johnson, Alexandra Leff, Maxwell Southam, Aaron Speakman, Gabrielle Stone, Kyler Walker.

Honors: Matthew Barton, Savannah Blood, Grace Connors, Anne Cushman, Sadie Ellsworth, Aislinn Forbes, Skye Fournier, Maureen Glover, Vanessa Godwin, Maverick Griffin, Crystelle Head, Tyra Howes, Jessica Kelly, Shelby Levesque, Katherine Merrill, Rebecca Miller, Andrew Mills, Lakota Monzo, Skyelynn Patten, Savannah Pelletier, Joseph Putnam, Michael Rodway, Rebecca-Lynn Tuttle, Ryan Vail, Taran Vitale, Kayla Waterhouse, Gregory Wheeler, Travis Wheeler, Zachary Wheeler.

GRADE SIX

High Honors: Brendon Stearns.

Honors: Rachel Barton, Adreanna Bennett, Jacob Bennett, Carla Boyle-Wight, Christian Brown, Caleb Clarke, Ellis Coffin, Kaleb Currier, Dharma Damon, Lisa Gammon, Kaylee Haas, Rebecca Howard, Nancy Huston, Ani Inman, Mitchell Lehman, Taber Pasternak, Victoria Ryerson, Ashley Savage, Emma Scheidegger, Andrew Siegel, Madeline Simard, Cassidy Smith, Blair Stevens, John Walker.



CHURCH COOKBOOK AVAILABLE—The West Parish Congregational Church has prepared a cookbook of 474 recipes from local people and restaurants in the Bethel area. The Best of Bethel section includes recipes from The Good Food Store, S.S. Milton, and The Victoria Restaurant. "Recipes from the Heart" includes favorites from church members. One section is specifically for children with easy-to-prepare foods. Another section specifically is for healthy living. The cookbook includes locations to get locally grown food, for those wanting food closer to home. The book costs \$10. Contact Jane Chandler (357-3524) or Lisa and Bruce Maliska (651-3739). The books may also be purchased at the church, from any church member.

Sports

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Livermore Falls 58, Telstar 41; Dec. 17—Josef Holt led Telstar with 17, Nic Corad had 10 and David Pilgrim 5.

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

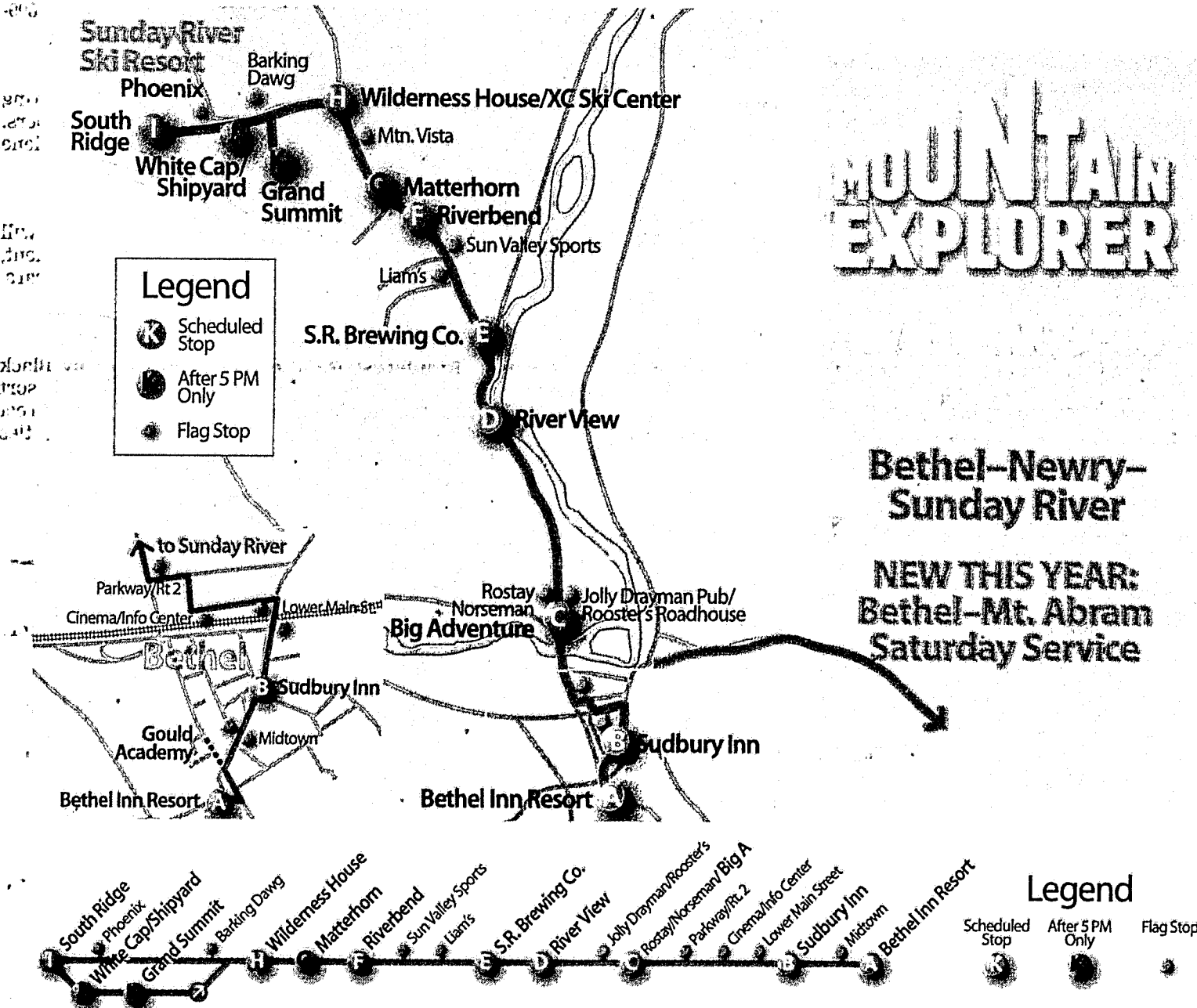
Livermore Falls 47, Telstar 30; Dec. 17—The Rebels outscored the Andies 12 to 6 in the 4th quarter, but it wasn't enough to overcome the lead the Andies had in the first three.

TMS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Livermore 48, Telstar 20; Dec. 17—Telstar scorers were Alyssa Brands with 8 pts., Anna Saucier with 4 points, Savanna Patenaude 2, Jennifer Wakefield 2, Casey Blaszczak 2, Maisey Griffin 1, and Hali Barter 1. —Coach Becky Morin

TMS Girls' J.V. Basketball

Livermore 19, Telstar 18; Dec. 17—Scoring for the Rebels were Becca Howard with 6 points, Savannah Pelletier with 4, Hayley Peterson 3, Tori Ryerson 2, Olivia York 2, and Octavia Morin 1. —Coach Becky Morin



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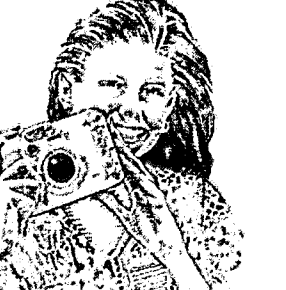
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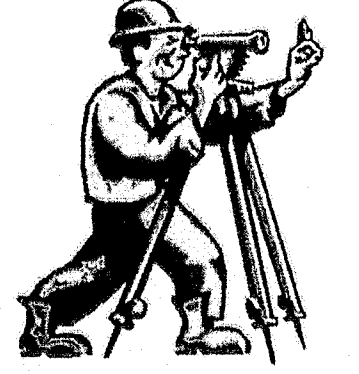
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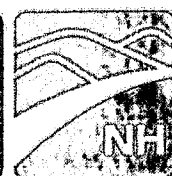
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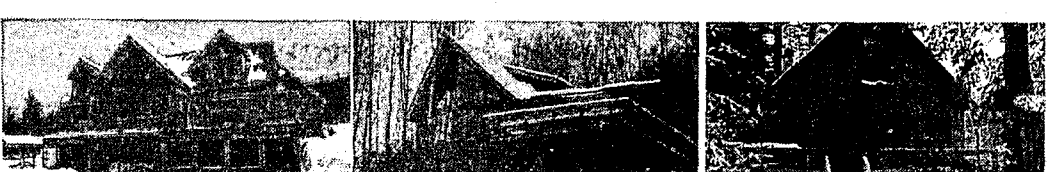
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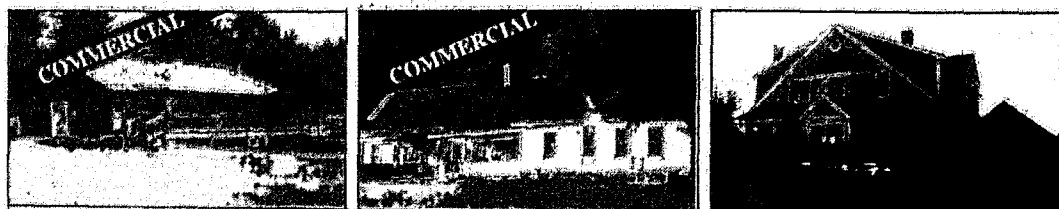
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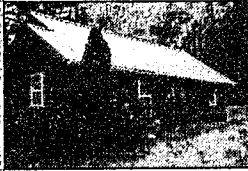
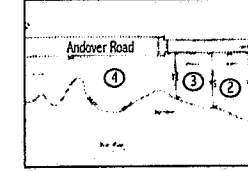
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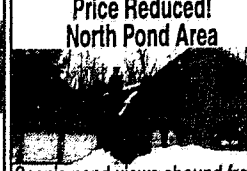
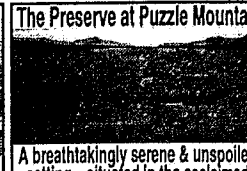
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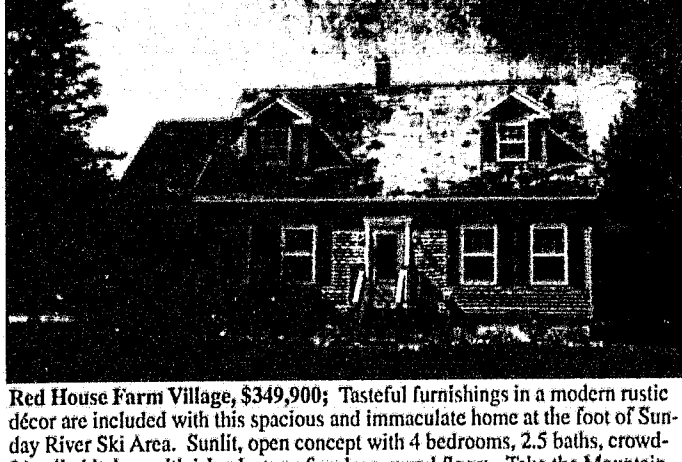
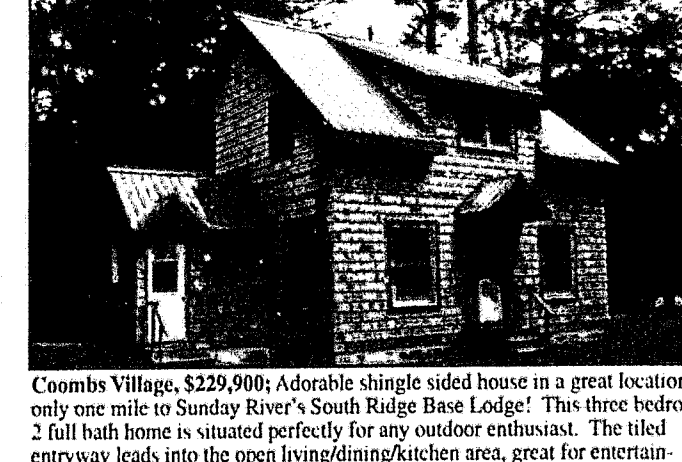
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Jerry K's Korner on the Market! (An 8-legged perspective on Real Estate & Life)
It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year... people huggin' each other with warm, open arms... it's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!
Jerry, those are not the right words to that song.
Ben, who deemed you the "Ditty police"? Besides, it's all about the spirit of the song. Just like it's all about the sacred spirit of the holidays... Merriment, cheer, offerings of peace and love and good will.
You're right, Jerry. Let's toast that the New Year brings peace of mind, good health and prosperity to our beloved countrymen and those throughout the world!
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 Mount Will, \$850,000; Breathtaking Sunday River slope views from this spectacular home at The Peaks! Pool, sauna, expansive deck, optional hot tub overlooking the mountains, granite & stainless kitchen, cathedral ceilings, 5 bedrooms (4 of which are ensuite!), family/rec room, 2-car garage, and list goes on and on. Skiing, golfing, hiking, fishing and water sports all minutes from your doorstep! This is a dream home that must be toured for full appreciation, so call us today.	 Powder Ridge, \$437,000; Amazing ski slope & mountain views from this brand-new Powder Ridge home! Just a few short minutes from Sunday River Ski & Golf Resort, this beautifully appointed chalet has 3 bedrooms & 3 baths with expandable room in the framed, plumbed & wired basement. Granite countertops, hardwood floors, wood burning stone fireplace, screened porch, first floor master suite, lots of glass overlooking breathtaking views, expansive deck for entertaining, large 1.53 acre lot and a fantastic location!	 Merrill Hill, \$799,000; This superbly constructed, brand-new home, just a row from the road from Sunday River Golf Course, was custom built with influences from the builder's Vail, Colorado 20-year portfolio. Energy efficient with "green" materials, come and view the stonework and details, with western accents, that sets it apart from others in this ski and golf destination. Soaring cathedral ceilings, lovely stone fireplace, large family room, 2-car garage and views of the ski slopes & surrounding mountains! Do you qualify for the \$6,500 Second Home Buyer's Credit? If yes, the Seller will match it, for a total of \$13,000!!!
 Red House Farm Village, \$349,900; Tasteful furnishings in a modern rustic décor are included with this spacious and immaculate home at the foot of Sunday River Ski Area. Sunlit, open concept with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, crowd-friendly kitchen with island, stone fireplace, wood floors. Take the Mountain Explorer bus for a day on the slopes or ski down and relax in front of the fire with family and friends. Golf, hiking, swimming and fishing are also only within minutes of this centrally located home. This one is a must see!	 Coombs Village, \$329,000; This distinct ski chalet is loaded with charm! You'll love the great looking kitchen with granite countertops, the cathedral ceilings, the large stone fireplace, the wrap-around farmer's porch and, most of all, it's great location in Coombs Village & close proximity to Sunday River. With 3.5 baths, add to that the possibility of renting the separate basement finished area with its own entrance, and you can't go wrong investing in this beautiful house. Come take a look!	 Coombs Village, \$229,900; Adorable shingle sided house in a great location only one mile to Sunday River's South Ridge Base Lodge! This three bedroom, 2 full bath home is situated perfectly for any outdoor enthusiast. The tiled entryway leads into the open living/dining/kitchen area, great for entertaining! Whether you enjoy skiing, riding, cycling, fishing or swimming, this quiet neighborhood is close to it all. Strong rental history makes this a great investment property.

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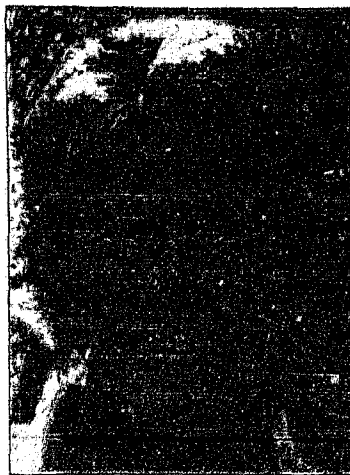
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Obituaries



BRENDA G. BUCK

Brenda G. Buck, 59, of South Paris died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009 in Portland at Maine Medical Center.

She was born in Rumford, Maine on Dec. 28, 1949 the daughter of Raymond Saunders Sr. and Helen E. (Hayes) Saunders.

Brenda married Warren Buck on Nov. 28, 1983.

She had worked for many years as a medical assistant, most recently at Western Maine Surgery.

Brenda enjoyed watching cheerleading at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, basketball, football, the Patriots, and the Red Sox. Enjoyed skiing, ladies night out shopping spree. She was especially fond of spending quality time with her granddaughters.

She is survived by her husband, Warren, of South Paris; her mother, Helen E. Saunders of South Paris; two daughters, Penny Blake and her husband Harlan of Bethel and Shari Corriveau and husband Fabian of Gilead; a brother, Raymond Saunders and his wife Karen of Warrington, Pa.; three grandchildren, Alexis Kennedy, Mackenzie Blake and Cameron Richardson; nieces and nephews, John, Rachel, Juli, and Cally; a sister-in-law, Janet Buck. She was predeceased by her father, Raymond Saunders Sr.

A celebration of Brenda's

life was held Saturday, Dec. 19, at Oxford Hills Funeral Services, Oxford, with the Rev. John Williams officiating. Interment will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Stephens Memorial Hospital, c/o the Development Office, 181 Main Street, Norway, Maine 04268. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.oxfordhillfuneralservices.com.



GARY R. SAVAGE

Gary R. Savage Sr., 67, of Bethel, died unexpectedly on Dec. 18, 2009.

He was born in Lancaster, N.H., on Feb. 2, 1942 the son of Norman M. and Lucille (Dupuis) Savage and was educated in Lancaster schools.

Gary had worked at Bob's Exxon and Hanson Service Station in Rumford for many years; owned and operated the Rte 232 Texaco Service Station and Body Shop; Septic Tank Servicing and Porta John Rentals; owned the franchise for Geodesic Dome Homes in Maine, Savages Commercial Cleaning in Jacksonville, Fla., and retired from Sysco Food in March of 1998 due to ill health. Gary is known for buying and selling many things.

He married Sandra J. Blay on Sept. 10, 1960 and enjoyed 49 wonderful years together. Gary also enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. His family adored him and will miss him greatly.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sandra J. Savage of Bethel; four sons, Keith and his wife Penny of Bethel, Gary Jr. of Portland, Rick and his wife Sarah of Bethel and Ronald and his wife Cindy of Bethel; three daughters, Nancy Gionet and her husband Mike of Bethel, Kelly Helms and her husband Andy of Bryant Pond and Jessica Boyd and her husband Carlos of Bethel; two brothers, Karl and his wife Pam and Jeff all of Manchester, N.H.; five sisters, Diane Hallenburt and her husband Bob of Contoocook, N.H., Norma-Lou Savage of Manchester, N.H., Karlene Savage of Manchester, N.H., Margaret Savage of Epsom, N.H. and Lisa Savage of Limestone; 17 grandchildren, Kelly Jones and her husband Roy of Lewiston, AWS2 (NAC/AW) Michael Gionet Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va., Heather Gionet of Bethel, Keith Savage Jr. of Bethel, Allen Savage of Bethel, Rick Savage Jr. of Bethel, Ryan Savage of Bethel, Randy Savage of Atlanta, Ga., Taylor Savage of Bethel, Tim Savage of Bethel, Stephanie Savage of Bethel, Monica Helms of Portland, Alex Helms of Bethel, Dylan Helms of Bryant Pond, Rachael Boyd of Bethel and Luke Boyd of Bethel; four great-grandchildren, Cailyn Gionet of Camden, Joshua Gionet of Camden, Madison Jones of Lewiston and Annabelle Jones of Lewiston; as well as dozens of other loving family members. He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Dennis and David Savage; and a sister-in-law, Doris Savage.

Funeral services were held at Bethel Alliance Church, Bethel, on Tuesday, Dec. 22, with burial at Lakeside Cemetery, Bryant Pond. Memorials in Gary's memory are requested to the American Diabetes Association, N.E. Division, 163 Lancaster Street, Portland, Maine 04101.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com.

Births

Jessie Hart and Kyle Komulainen of West Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Logan James Komulainen, born on Dec. 5, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Kellie Wing of Oxford and Osman and Joy Hart of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Ernest and Jean Komulainen of South Paris.

Logan James joins his brother, Landon, age 4.

Maggie Murillo and Ryan M. Pymire of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Ryan Matthew Pymire Jr., born on Dec. 5, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are John and Cynara Connell of Albany Township.

Paternal grandparents are Andrea Pymire Aldridge of Orlando, Fla.

Ryan joins his big sister, Destiny, age 4.

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All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of everyone shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444, E-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

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Town Meeting Warrant

Any Woodstock Resident wishing to have an article placed on the 2010 Town Meeting Warrant agenda should submit it to the Selectmen on or before January 15, 2010 as set by town vote.

Snow Plowing

Please remember that according to Maine State Law Title 29 section 2396 item 4. A person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses for 2010 are now available at the Woodstock Town Office. Dogs that are six months old or older must now be licensed.

License fees are \$ 6.00 neutered/spayed
\$11.00 not neutered/spayed
\$42.00 Kennel (10 or more)

The Woodstock Dog Control Ordinance requires a kennel for more than three dogs at one residence.

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